HONGKONG ALMANACK.

AND

DIRECTORY

FOR THE YEAR 1848, OF OUR LORD.

(BISSEXTILE)

AND THE TWELFTH OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY

QUEEN VICTORIA.

WITH AN APPENDIX

CONTAINING

LISTS OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN, CONSULAR, CLERICAL,
MERCANTILE AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS
AT THOSE PORTS ON THE COAST OF CHINA OPEN TO TRADE

TOGETHER WITH

A PLAN AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN OF VICTORIA,
TRADES, INSTITUTIONS, &c.

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APPENDIX;—Lists of Consular and Tradal Establishments at Canton, Shanghae, Amoy, Ning-po, and Fuh-chau-fu; Government and principal Tradal Establishments in Macao; Lithographed Plan of Victoria, (on a scale of 400 feet to the inch) with Index to same; Brief Description of Victoria, Trades, Institutions &c., including Table of the Rates for stowage of Goods by the Month, Prices of Provisions, Building Work, Licenses, &c.; Abstracts of those local Ordinances which have been confirmed by the Home Government; Post Office Regulations; Table of latest dates from England, by the Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steam Ships; Rates of business at the Oriental Bank; Rules of the Hongkong Club, and of the (China branch) Royal Asiatic Society; Table of distances to Macao and Canton, Abstract of Insurance Offices in China, &c.

PREFACE

"The Phases of the Moon and Eclipses, as shown in this Almanack are computed to civil time; Risings and settings of the Sun include an average allowance for refraction; The Weather Tables are framed on the mean of Meteorological observations, registered during the past five years; Law terms and sittings are those of the Supreme Court of Hongkong." Such was the brief note, or preface, appended to the Hongkong Almanack for the year just ended, and excepting that no eclipses of the Sun or Moon are visible in China, (rendering an exhibition of their computations unnecessary,) such Preface, with reference to an additional year's notations of a rain guage, is equally applicable to

the present Almanack, for Anno Domini 1848.

The writer having reason to believe that an error exists as to the time (10h. 15m.) fixed by Hydrographers for high water in the Harbour, at full and change of the Moon, instead of going through on doubtful data the usual tedious process of figuring requisite in making a correct Tide Table, has computed the daily times of high water, by simply adding an average advance, according to different passages of the Moon over the meridian; as approximations however it is believed, that the times thus given are answerable for every general purpose, but the outlets of the bay being influenced by the surrounding waters, the regular currents of which are again subject to diversion on prevalence of boisterous weather, the fluctuations in retardation or advance thus occasioned, are so continually occurring, that the most correctly worked Tide Table is liable to impeachment.

A great desideratum in Literature is a practical treatise on the Chinese System of Astronomy: The Anglo Chinese Calendar published for the last 17 years at Canton, obtains its exhibition of the duration of the Chinese Months or Moons, by taking them from a Work in Chinese, denominated the "Peking Almanack" the same in this Almanack is ascertained, primarily by computation of the time of new Moon at Peking, and checked by a similar method; but in the Anglo Chinese Calendar for this year, which has been published in advance of this Almanack, the 6th Chinese Month is stated as being of 30 days in duration, which is wrong it being 29 days only, consequently from the Month of July to the end of the year (in the Anglo Chinese Calendar) the comparative Chinese and English days are erroneously stated.

In a popular work on China, it is said that "their civil year is lunar, consisting of twelve months of 29 and 30 days alternately, with the triennial intercalation of a thirteenth month." this assertion was evidently made at random and does not evince an equal degree of inquiry with that exhibited in most other parts of the work in question, for on whatsoever day the new moon commences by 2 chinesing the day for the wholes have the first day of the

of the 59th minute of the 23rd hour, or may be some two or three hours before the Moon is new, at extremes of the Chinese Empire westward of that meridian; necessarily therefore the months cannot alternately vary; the 9th 10th and 11th months of the ensuing Chinese year are successively of 30 days duration. "The Government of China (it is stated in the same work) has therefore made a monopoly of the subject (the publication of the Peking Almanack) and declared it death to publish a counterfeit, or imitation of the Imperial Almanack"; the above is quoted to show what degree of respect is paid at Canton to Imperial Laws, where Almanacks marked on the cover the veritable "Peking" are, and have been for years, printed and published with the greatest impunity; with what amount of precision they are transcribed (if transcripts they are) is illustrated by an error in the present Almanack to which the attention of subscribers is particularly requested; the 11th Chinese Month instead of ending on the 24th December as printed, does not properly end until the 25th, consequently from that day to the end of the year, the comparative Calendars are (for 7 days only) placed in error; the difference in time between Hongkong and Peking, is about 9 minutes; the new Moon at Hongkong by a reference to the Phases of that luminary for the Month of December, comes in at the 58th minute of the 23rd hour of the 25th day; by Peking time however it is not new moon until 7 minutes after the commencement of the 26th day; the y'clept "Peking Almanack" by which the writer checked his Tables, gave the 11th month as a small one, of 29 days duration only; it need not be added that the Peking Almanack which the Editor of the Anglo Chinese Calendar went by, and which gave the 11th month as being 30 days in length was the correct one of the two; had the error occurred for an earlier Month, the Page would have been entirely reprinted, but as the inconvenience arising from its existence is small, and is rectified on the fly sheet, it has been allowed to stand, and serves as a partial illustration of the clumsiness of the Imperial Chinese System of calculating

Much labour and attention have been bestowed in endeavouring to make the Directories complete and practically useful; errors and omissions will however doubtless be discovered; to avert the recurrence of which in any future year's publication, the Editor of the Hongkong Register and the Publisher (Mr. Robert Rutherfurd) have kindly consented (in addition to the obligations which the writer is under to them for assistance already-rendered on the subject) to receive (post paid) any correction or suggestion that may appear necessary; the forms in which the various Mercantile establishments are now arranged, serve to indicate at a glance the apparent amount of labour required in business transactions at each of the Ports in China open to trade (exclusive of Macao) as instance the following table; the abstract subjoined also of the numbers of the Protestant Missionaries with their present stations, will doubtless afford interest to those who feel anxious to know what are the means employed in the propagation of Christianity in China.

ABSTRACT of British and Foreign Mercantile Establishments in China, (exclusive of those at Macan

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The writer never before having brought through the Press three consecutive pages of prose-writing at a time, has to crave at the hands of his readers an indulgent criticism on "the brief description of Victoria &c." Circumstances known to most residents in China, although in nature and result rather inexplicable forced upon him in the middle of October last, more leisure time, a-means-of exercising ninser market management in the pleasing and solely as plan of the Town was reduced for lithographing, the Almanack and Directories prepared (which from the appearance of a rival Almanack in 1847 it had been intended to discontinue publishing) and the brief description in question committed to paper; Book printing at either of the offices in Victoria, in conjunction with their other work is performed at the average rate of a page of letter press per day, the reader will therefore perceive that travelling through the press at that speed, hardly any time has been allowed for such a perfect revision as would have been desirable, and as the writer's object has been simply to supply correct information in the most condensed form, tropes and embellishments in style have necessarily not been attempted, whilst want of time to get it printed, has compelled him to curtail much of the information originally intended for publication.

It may be necessary to add, that knowledge of the cost and number of the particular Government licenses quoted, has been obtained by laborious enquiry from the parties licensed, without the aid of reference to official sources

and documents.

The Price of the present Almanack and Directory has been fixed at Two and a half Dollars; to parties out of China this price will probably appear high, but one thing is certain, that the anticipated amount of sales will but poorly compensate the labour and expense which have been incurred about the work, and on the aggregate amount proceeds of the Almanack for the past two years, there is yet a deficiency, which it is but proper should if possible be made up.

Hongkong, January, 1848.

WILLIAM TARRANT.

JANUARY, XXXI DAYS

PHASES OF THE MOON.

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METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 30,004. Highest 30,28. Lowest 29,71.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)
Mean 61,65. Highest 73. Lowest 49.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Five.

Depth of Rain in 1846. Inches 0, 25 id. 1847. 5, 12

TABLE OF THE WINDS.
N.1,33 N.E.5,2 E.10,6 S.E.4,7 S.nil S.W.0,75 W.5,56 N.W.2,75 Calms.nil

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PHASES OF THE MOON.

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New Moon - 5 9 19 Last Quarter 27 15 58

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 30. Highest 30,26. Lowest 29,69.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)
Mean 63,5. Highest 78. Lowest 50.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Five.

Depth of Rain in 1846. Inches 0, 705 id 1847. , 2 110

TABLE OF THE WINDS. N.2,26 N.E.4,34 E.15,90 S.E.nil S.0,35 S.W.0,63 W.3,58 N.W.4,90

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28th year of Taoukwang.	55 57 77 77	12	14 15 16	M.– Tu. W. Th.	6,34 6,33 6,32 6,32	_5.56 -5,56 -5,56 -5,56	3,45 4,45 5,45 7,00	6,30 7,30	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. Nisi Prius Sittings end. Criminal Sessions begin.
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28th year	" "	18	20 21 22	Tu:-	6,30 6,29 -6,28	3,59 6,00		11,30 *0,05	Septuagesima Sunday.
))))))			W. Th. F. S.	6,28 6,27 6,26 6,25	6,00 6,01 6,01 6,02	0,25 1,07 1,52 2,30	0,45 1,30 2,15 2,45	
-	1)	23 24	27 28	S M.	6,24 6,24	6,03 6,03	3,07 3,52		Sexagesima Sunday.
1	»	25	29	Tu.	6,24 6,24	6,03	4,45	5,15	Criminal Sessions end.

MARCH, XXXI DAYS.

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New Moon -	_		\ \ \ _	. 5	20 53	Last Quarter	-	. 🕳	- 28 8 55
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First Quarter	-	_	-	20		Apogee \ -	•	-	- 22 21 00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)

Mean 29,94. Highest 30,19. Lowest 29,66.

Mean 65,7. Highest 80. Lowest 49.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Twelve.

Depth of Rain in 1846. Inches 7, 925 id. 1847. , 1, 950

TABLE OF THE WINDS: N.2,6 N.E.0,75 E.20,5 S.E.0,4 S.nil S.W.0.75 W.5,4 N.W.1, Calms.0,15

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28th year of Tabukwang.	I 26 27 28 29 29 29 21 3 4 5 6 7 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	1 W. 2 Th. 3 F. 4 S. 5 S 6 M. 7 Tu. 8 Th. 10 F. 11 S. 12 S 13 M. 14 Tu. 15 W. 16 Th 17 F. 18 S. 19 S. 20 M. 21 Tu. 22 W.	6,18 6,05 6,17 6,05 6,16 6,06 6,15 6,06 6,14 6,07 6,13 6,07 6,12 6,07 6,10 6,07 6,10 6,08 6,09 6,08 6,09 6,08 6,07 6,09 6,06 6,10 6,05 6,10 6,04 6,11		St. David's Day. Easter Term begins. Quinquagesima, Shrove Sunday. Partial Eclipse of the Sun, not visible in China. Ash Wednesday. Quadragesima. First Sunday in Lent. St. Patrick's Day. Second Sunday in Lent. Sun enters Aries. Total Eclipse of the Moon, not visible in China. Annunciation, Lady Day. Third Sunday in Lent.
	", 25 ", 26 ", 27	29 W. 30 Th. 31 F.	5,57 6,12 5,56 6,13 5,55 6,13	3,— 3,45 4,10 4,45	Easter Term ends.

APRIL XXX DAYS.

PHASES OF THE MOON. d - h md New Moon -4 37 6 Last Quarter 26 21 56 First Quarter 22 26 10 Perigee 4 17 00 Full Moon 18 22 17 Apogee 19 2 00 4

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 29,857. Highest 30,04. Lowest 29,65.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.) Mean 72,7. Highest 87. Lowest 49.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Ten.

Depth of Rain in 1846. Inches 3, 7 id. 1847. , 7, 35

TABLE OF THE WINDS.
N.nil N.E.3 E.18,2 S.E.0,75 S.0,75 S.W.0,87 W.4,32 N.W.0,25 Calms.0,85 Var. Cur. 1

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	Moon.	Day	Day of Month	Day of Week	SUN	нон	WATER	CALENDAR.
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28th year of Taoúkwang.	2	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	23456789101121314151617181921222224252789	Th. F.S. M. Tu. Th. F.S. M. Th. F.S.	5,50 6,16 5,49 6,16 5,48 6,17 5,46 6,17 5,45 6,18 5,44 6,19 5,43 6,19 5,40 6,20 5,39 6,20 5,38 6,20 5,36 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,36 6,22 5,35 6,22 5,35 6,22 5,35 6,22 5,35 6,22 5,35 6,23 5,36 6,23 5,36 6,21 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,21 5,36 6,22 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,22 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,23 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,22 5,36 6,23 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,22 5,36 6,23 5,37 6,21 5,36 6,23 5,37 6,23 5,38 6,23 5,38 6,23 5,38 6,24 5,31 6,24 5,30 6,25	6,10 7,10 8,10 9,10 10,10 11,10 0,22 1,— 1,45 -2,45 3,50 7,30 8,30 9,30 10.15 10,45 11,15 0,20 0,45 1,20 1,55 2,45 3,45 4,45	7,45 8.45 9.45 10.45 11.30 0,05 0,45 1.20 2,15 -3,30 4,15 -5,10 -6,00 10.00 10.00 11.00 11.30 0.35 1.35 2,15 3,15 4,15 5,15	Nisi Prius Sitting's commence. Fourth Sunday in Lent. Partial Eclipse of the Sun, not visible in China. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Nisi Prius-Sittings end. Criminal Sessions begin. Palm Sunday. Good Friday. Holiday at Supreme Court. Easter Sunday. St. George. Easter Monday. Holiday at Supreme Court.
	,,	27	30	S	5,29 6,25	5,45	6,15	Low Sunday.

MAY, XXXI DAYS

PHASES OF THE MOON.

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New Moon	• •	-	3			Perigee	` -	-	-	-	3	4	ÒO
Time O	.					Apogee	٠ 🕳	•	-	-	16	7	00
T311 N.C						Perigee	-	-	-	-	31	13	00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 29,767. Highest 29,95. Lowest 29,58.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.) Mean 78,3. Highest 88. Lowest 68.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Seventeen.

Depth of Rain in 1846. Inches 12, 92 id. 1847. , 8, 45

TABLE OF THE WINDS.
N.0,10 N.E.1,75 E.21, S.E.1,50 S.0,50 S.W.1, W.4,18 N.W.0,10 Variable Currents.0,87

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28th year of Taoukwang	19	13 S. 14 S. 15 M. 16 Tu. 17 W. 18 Th. 19 F. 20 S. 21 S. 22 M.	5,21 = 6,31 5,21 = 6,31 5,20 = 6,32 5,20 = 6,32 5,19 = 6,32 5,19 = 6,32 5,18 = 6,32 5,18 = 6,32	7,00 8,00 9,00 9,50 10,40 11,15	5,30 -6,30 7,30 8,30 9,30 10,15 11,00 11,30	Third Sunday after Easter Fourth Sunday after Easter.
37 32 37 37 37 31 31	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	23 Tu. 24 W. 25 Th. 26 F. 27 S. 28 S 29 M.	5,17 6,38 5,17 6,38 5,17 6,30 5,17 6,30 5,16 6,30 5,16 6,30 5,16 6,30	6 0,17 6 0,50 6 1,25 7 2,40 7 3,30 8 4,40 8 5,40	0,35 1,10 1,45 2,15 3,00 4,00 5,15 6,15 7,15	Birth day of Queen Victoria. Holiday at [Supreme Court.] Rogation Sunday. Restoration of King-Charles.
,	, 28	30 Tu. 31 W.	5,16 6,3 5,16 6,3	5 6,45 8 7,45	8,15	Restoration of King Charles. Trinity Terms end.

JUNE, XXX DAYS.

PHASES OF THE MOON:

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New Moon -		-		. 1	22	161	Last Quarter	•	 -	24	14 03
First Quarter	_	-		9	0	52	Apogee		 _	12	18:00
Full Moon -	-		-	17	4	34	0		 	28	14 00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 29,655. Highest 29,88. Lowest 29,46.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.) Mean 83. Highest 921. Lowest 75.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Eighteen.

Depth of Rain in 1846. Inches 21, 68 id 1847. , 11, 60

TABLE OF THE WINDS. N.0,187 N.E.1,62 E.12,4 S.E.1,75 S.1,12 S.W.3,37 W.8,12 N.W.1,187 Calms.0,18

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	Moon	Dav	Day of Month		SU			WATER	CALENDAR.
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28th year of Taoukwang.	;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;	12 13 15 16 17 18 19 21	1 Th 2 F. 3 S. 4 S. 5 Tu 7 Th 9 F. 10 S. 11 W. 13 Tu 14 Th 15 F. 17 S. 18 M. 17 S. 18 M. 17 S. 18 M. 19 Th 10 S. 11 S. 11 S. 12 Tu 13 Tu 14 Th 15 Th 16 F. 17 S. 18 M. 19 S. 19 S. 10 S. 1		5,16 5,16 5,16 5,16 5,17 5,17 5,17 5,17 5,17 5,17	6,39 6,40 6,40 6,41 6,41 6,41 6,41 6,42 6,42 6,42 6,42 6,43 6,43		-6,45 -7,45 8,45 9,45 10,30 11,00	Ascension Day. Holy Thursday. Holiday at Nisi Prius Sittings begin. [Supreme Court.] Sunday after Ascension Day. Chinese Feast of Dragons. Pentecost. Whit Sunday. Whit Monday. Holiday at Suprems Court. Nisi Prius Sittings end. Trinity Sunday. Accession of Queen Victoria. Proclamation. Sun enters Cancer. Corpus Christi.
],, 2	23	23 F. 24 S.		5,20 5,20	6,44 6,44	1,35 2,25	2,00 2,45	St. John Baptist. Midsummer Day.
))	26 27 28 29	25 S 26 M. 27 Tu 28 W 29 Th 30 F.		-5,21 -5,21 5,21 5,21 5,21 5,21	6,44	3,07 4,00 5,00 6,00 7,00 8,00		First Sunday after Trinity. Coronation of Queen Victoria. Holiday at Supreme Court.

ULY, XXXI DAYS.

PHASES OF THE MOON

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	0		Last Quarter	23 19 03
New Moon	-	1 5 55	New Moon	- 30 15 01
First Quarter	1		Apogee -	- 10 10 00
Full Moon	- 1		Perigee	- 25 12 00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer. Mean 29,65. Highest 29,85. Lowest 29,35. Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)
Mean 85. Highest 92. Lowest 80.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Sixteen.

Depth of Rain in 1845. Inches 7, 565 id. 1846. ,, 11, 85 id. 1847. ,, 10, 14

TABLE OF THE WINDS.

N.0, N.E.0,97 E.14,18 S.E.1,37 S.2.98 S.W.1,25 W.7,75 N.W.0,75 Calms.1,75

	Ch	inese	English				
	Moon,	Day	Day of Week Day of Month	Rises Sets	HIGH	WATER	CALENDAR.
of Taotikwang.	6 ,, ,,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	1 S. 2 3 M. 4 Tu. 5 Th. 7 F. 8 S. 9 M. 11 Tu. 12 Th. 14 F.	h m h m 5,22 6,46 5,22 6,46 5,22 6,46 5,23 6,46 5,23 6,46 5,23 6,46 5,24 6,46 5,24 6,46 5,24 6,46 5,25 6,45 5,26 6,45 5,26 6,45	9,05 10,00 11,00 11,15 	9,45 10,45 11,10 11,45 0,15 1,00 1,45 2,15 3,00 4,00 5,00 6,00 7,00 8,00	Sun in Apogee. Second Sunday after Trinity. Third Sunday after Trinity.
28th year of	?? ?? ?? ?? ?? ?? ?? ?? ??	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 1	15 S. 16 M. 17 M. 18 Tu. 19 W. 20 Th. 21 F. 22 S. 23 M. 25 Tu. 26 W. 27 Th. 28 F. 29 S. 30 M.	5,28 6,45 5,28 6,44 5,29 6,44 5,29 6,43 5,30 6,43 5,30 6,42 5,31 6,41 5,31 6,41 5,32 6,40 5,32 6,40 5,33 6,39	0,45 1,15 1,45 2,30 3,30 4,30 5,35 6,45 8,00	11,00 11,30 0,05 0,35 1,00 1,30 2,00 3,00 4,00 5,00 6,10 7,15 8,30 9,45	Criminal Sessions begin. Fourth Sunday after Trinity. Fifth Sunday after Trinity. Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Criminal Sessions end,

AUGUST, XXXI DAYS.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Themas &	-	١.		d_{c}	ħ	m						d	h	1 72
First Quarter Full Moon	-	` ·	-	7	10_	32	New Moon	-	-	-	-	29	2	37
	•	-	• -	15	3	52	Apogee	-	_	-	-	7	5	00
Last Quarter	_		-		23	44	Perigee	-	-	-	-	19	13	00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 29,596. Highest 29,84. Lowest 29,27.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)
Mean 83,5. Highest 92. Lowest 78.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Twenty-one.

Depth of Rain in 1845. Inches 14, id. 1846. , 15, 7 id. 1847. , 12, 05

TABLE OF THE WINDS.
N.0,37 N.E.2,75 E.13,25 S.E.1,70 S.2,68 S.W.1,93 W.6,45 N.W.0,62 Calms.1,25

	Ch	inese	Er	nglish	1		T	-	
	Moon.	Day	Day of Month	Day of Week		UN	нісн	WATER	CALENDAR.
			nth	ek	Rises	Sets	A M	A M	
	7	3 4	1 2		h m 5,34 5,34	h m 6,38 6,38	h m 11,00	h m 11,20 0,05	Turkish Month Ramadân commences.
))))))))))	5 6 7 8 9	5 6 7 8	Th. F. S. M. u. Tw.	5,35 5,35 5,35 5,35 5,35 5,36	6,37 6,36 6,36 6,36 6,35 6,35	0,22 0,50 1,15 1,45 2,20 3,07	0,40 1,00 1,30 2,00 2 45 3,30	Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
year of Taoúkwang.	27 27 27 27 27	11 12 13 14 15 16	10 11 12 13 13 15 13 13 13 13 13	Th. F. S.	5,36 5,37 5,37 5,38 5,39 -5,39	6,34 6,33 6,33 6,32 6,31 6,31	4,00 5,00 6,00 7,00 8,00 =9,00	4,30 5,30 6,30 -7,35 8,30 _9,30-	Birthday of Dow Queen Adelaide. Eighth— Sunday after Trinity.
year of T))))))))	17 18 19 20-	15 16 17	Tu. W. Th. F.	5,39 5,39 5,40 5,40 5,40	-6,30 6,29	-9,55 10,30	10,15 10,45 11,15 0,05 0,45	
28th	33 33 33 33 33	22 23 24 25	20 21 22 23	S M. Tu. W.	5,40 5,40 5,41 5,41	6,26 6,26 6,25 6,24	1,00 1,35 2,30 3,30	1,15 2,00 3,00 4,00	Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
	>> >> >>	26 27 28	25 26	s.	5,41 5,42 5,42	6,23 6,22 6,21	4,30 5,30 6,30	5,00 6,00 7,00	St. Bartholomew. Birthday of Prince Albert.
	" " 8	29 ² 30 1	27 28	S. M.	5,42 5,42 5,43	6,20 6,19 6,18	7,30 8,30	8,00 9,00 10,00	Tenth Sunday after Trinity. Partial Eclipse of the Sun, not visible in
<u>.</u>	_3;];	2_	30	W. Th.	5,43 5,43 5,43		10,20	10,45 10,45 11,30	[China.

SEPTEMBER: XXX DAYS.

		PHASES OF	THE MOON.		• . v	
	4	d h m		*	·d	h m
First Quarter		6 4 19	New Moon		- 27	17 11
Full Moon -	*		Apogee		4	00 00
Last Quarter		00 # 00		•	15	22 00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 29,713. Highest 29,94. Lowest 29,10.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)
Mean 82,9. Highest 93. Lowest 78.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Fourteen.

Depth of Rain in 1845. Inches 7 id. 1846. , 21, 6 id. 1847. , 7, 3

TABLE OF THE WINDS.
N.0,75 N.E.3,20 E.13,95 S.E.0,90 S.0,60 S.W.1,20 W.6,20 N.W.0,95 Calms:2,25

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	Chine	e English				
	Moon.	Day of Week Day of Month	Rises Sets		P M	CALENDAR.
28th year of Taoukwang.	" 19 " 20 " 20 " 20 " 20 " 20 " 20 " 20 " 20	1 F. 2 S. 3 M. 5 Tu. 6 W. 7 Th. 8 F. 9 S. 11 M. 12 Tu. 13 W. 14 Th. 15 F. 16 S. 17 M. 20 W. 21 Th. 22 F. 23 S. 7	h m h m 5,45 6,15 5,46 6,15 5,46 6,15 5,46 6,15 5,47 6,06 5,47 6,06 5,48 6,06 5,48 6,06 5,48 6,06 5,49 6,00 5,49 6,00 5,49 5,50 5,50 5,50 5,50 5,50 5,50 5,50 5,5	h m 0,20 0,50 1,15 1,55 2,35 2,35 2,30 4,30 5,30 6,30 7,30 1,15 1,15 1,15 1,15 1,2,35 1,30	h m 0,05 0,35 1,05 1,35 2,10 3,00 4,00 5,00 6,00 7,00 8,00 -9,00 10,00 11,00 11,30 0,35 1,15 2,00 2,30 3,05 4,00 5,00	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. Total Eclipse of the Moon, not visible in China. Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity. Sun enters Libra.
	# 20 # 20 # 30	3 24 S 9 25 M. 0 26 Tu 1 27 W. 2 28 Th 3 29 F. 4 30 S.	5,51 4,56 5,51 5 55 5,52 5,55 5,72 5,50 5,52 5,40 5,53 5,40 5,53 5,40	6,35 7,55 9,10 10,20 7 11,15	7.15 8,35 9,45 11,00 11,30 0,05	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: [China. Partial Eclipse of the Sun, not visible in Year 5609 of Jewish Era commences. St. Michael. Michaelmas Day.

OCTOBER, XXXI DAYS.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

•			,			_			•	d		
				d	h	m New Moon	-	-	-	27	10	22:
First Quarter	•	•	-	5,	21	37 Apogee	-	-		1	17	00
Full Moon -	-	-	-	12	23	32 Perigee						
Last Quarter						04 Apogee				29		

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 29,84. Highest 30,16. Lowest 29,56.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)
Mean 80,3. Highest 90. Lowest 67.

Average number of Days on which Ruin falls. Fifteen.

Depth of Rain in 1845. Inches 13, 20 id. 1846. , 1, 80 id. 1847. , 1, 70

TABLE OF THE WINDS.

N.1,35 N.E.8,40 E.12,30 S.E.1,10 S.0,75 S.W.0,50 W.3,65 N.W.1,85 Calms.1,10

10	Chinese	English		1		
1,000	Day	Day of V	. sun	нівн	WATER	CALENDAR.
		of Week of Month	Rises Set	S A M	РМ	
aoúkwang.	9 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	1 S 2 M. 3 Tu. 4 W. 5 Th. 6 F. 7 S. 8 M. 10 Tu. 11 W. 12 Th. 13 F. 14 S.	5,59 5,3	5 0,20 1,00 1,00 2 2,00 3,10 9 4,10 5,15 7,30 8,30 9,40 10,45 11,30	2,15 2,45 3,45 4,45 5,45 7,00 8,00 9,00 10,15 11,15 11,45	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
gp.	19 20 21 22 23 24	20 F.	6,00 5,3 6,00 5,3 6,00 5,3 6,01 5,3 6,01 5,2 6,02 5,2	1 0,45. 1 1,15 0 1,45 9 2,15 8 3,00	0,30 -1,00- 1,30: 2,00 2,30 3,30:	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. Criminal-Sessions begin. St. Luke:
	;; 25 26 27 28 29 30 10 1	24 Tu. 25 W. 26 Th. 27 F.	6,04 5,8 6,04 5,8 6,05 5,8	6 5,00 5 6,00 5 7,00 4 8,00 4 9,00 3 9,50	4,30 5,30 6,30 7,30 8,30 9,30 10,15	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:
	,, 2 ,, 3 ,, 4	28 S. 29 S	6, 6 5,	3 10,30 2 11,00 2 11,30	10,45 11,15 11,45	St. Simon and St. Jude. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. Criminal Sessions end.

NOVEMBER, XXX DAYS.

	 PHASES OF THE MOON.				
	d h m	•	d	h	m
First Quarter -	- 4 13 36 New Moon -		26	5	06
Full Moon	- 11 9 11 Perigee -		11	13	00
Last Quarter -	 - 18 2 22 Apogee		25	6	00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.
Mean 29,987. Highest 30,17. Lowest 29,80.

Temperature, (Fahrenheit.)
Mean 72: Highest 85. Lowest 571.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Eight.

Depth of Rain in 1845. Inches 1, 60 id. 1846. ,, 6, 93 id. 1847. ,, 1, 80

TABLE OF THE WINDS.
N.3,50 N.E.11,31 E.8,80 S.E.0,25 S.nil S.W.0,12 W.2,12 N.W.3,40 Calms.0,50

•	Chi	nese	Engl	ish		4		•	
,-	Moon.	Day		Day of Weck	Rises	Sets	нісн	WATER	CALENDAR.
		6 7 8 9	1 V 2 T 3 F 4 S	V. 'h.	h m 6,08 6,08 6,09 6,10 6,10	h m 5,20 5,26 5,19 5,18 5,18	h m 0,30 1,00 1,40 2,30 3,30	h m 0,45 1,15 2,00 3,00 4,00	Michaelmas Term begins. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Gun-
kwang.	17 17 27	11 12 13 14 15 16	7 T 8 V		6,10 6,10 6,11 6,11 6,12 6,13 6,13	5,18 5,17 5,17 5,16 5,16 5,15 5,15	4,30 5,30 6,30 7,30 8,30 9,30 10,30	5,00 6,00, 7,00 8,00 9,00 10,15 10,45	powder Plot.
wear of Taoukwang	27 27 29 29 29 27 27 26	19	14 T 15 V 16 T 17 F 18 S	Vu. V. Th.	6,14 6,15 6,16 6,16 6,17 6,18 6,19	5,15 5,15 5,14 5,14 5,14 5,14 5,13		11,15 11,45 0,15 1,00 1,45 2,30 3,30	Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
28th	" " "	25 26 27 28 29 30	19 8 20 M 21 T 22 V 23 T 24 F 25 S	ľu. W. ľh.	6,19 6,20 6,20 6,21 6,22 6,22	5,13 5,13 5,13 5,12 5,12 5,12	4,00 5,00 6,00	4,30 5,30 6,30 7,30 8,30 9,30	Sl. Cecilia.
	11	1 2 3 4 5	28	M. Tu. W. Th.	6,23 6,24 6,25 6,26 6,26	5,12 5,12 5,12	9,50 10,30 11,00 11,30	10,15 10,45 11,15	Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. Year 1265 of Mahommedan Era commences. St. Andrew. Michaelmas Term ends.

DECEMBER, XXXI DAYS.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

•				d	h	m						d	h.	m
First Quarter	-	•	-	4	4	42	New Moon	-	- ,	-	-	25	23	58
Full Moon -	-	-	-	10	19	20	Perigee .	•	-	-	-	10	1	00
Last Quarter	-	•	-	17	18	49	Apogee	-	-	-	-	22	13	00

METEOROLOGICAL AVERAGES.

Range of Barometer.

Mean 30,03. Highest 30,25. Lowest 29,80.

Temperature, (Fahrenhe't.)

Mean 63,6. Highest 77. Lowest 47.

Average number of Days on which Rain falls. Eighteen.

Depth of Rain in 1845. Inches 0, 65 id 1846. ,, 6, 275

TABLE OF THE WINDS.
-N.2,5 N.E.11 E.5 S.E.1,33 S.nil S.W.nil W.4,33 N.W.4,33 Calms.2,5

Nisi Prius Sittings commence. Second Sunday in Advent. Second Sunday		Ch	inese	English	1	1	
		Chinese Day		Day		HIGH WA	
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12	28th year of Taoúkwang.))))))))))))))))))))))))))	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 1 22 23 24 25 6 27 28 29 1 2 3 4 5 6	23 4 Tu. 5 6 Th. 5 6 Th. 12 Wh. 13 Th. 14 Tr. 16 Th. 17 Wh. 18 Tw. 18 Tw. 18 Tw. 18 Tw. 18 Tw. 18 Tw. 18 Tw. 18 Tw. 19 Th. 20 Th. 22 S. 24 Wh. 22 S. 23 Wh. 24 Wh. 25 Tw. 26 Tw. 27 Th. 28 Tw. 28 T	6,26 5,13 6,27 5,13 6,27 5,13 6,28 5,14 6,29 5,14 6,30 5,14 6,30 5,14 6,31 5,15 6,31 5,15 6,32 5,16 6,32 5,16 6,33 5,17 6,34 5,18 6,34 5,18 6,35 5,17 6,36 5,20 6,36 5,20 6,37 5,21 6,38 5,25 6,39 5,23 6,39 5,23 6,40 5,24 6,41 5,25 6,41 5,25 6,41 5,25	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Nisi Prius Sittings commence. First Sunday in Advent. Conception. Conception. Second Sunday in Advent. Nisi prius Sittings end. Criminal Sessions begin. Third Sunday in Advent. St. Thomas' Day. Sun enters Capricorn. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Christmas Day. Holiday at Supreme Court. St. Stephen. Holiday at Supreme Court. St. John. Innocents. Criminal Sessions end.

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
George Barnet & Co. No. 1 French Hong.	George Barnet. William Barnet.	Horace Wiltshire.		Rawle, Duus & Co.
Bell & Co New English Factory.	William Bell, E_n , Alfred Wilkinson, E . J. Mackrill Smith.	Thurston Dale. Richard Gibbs. Francis Wilson.		Firm.
Birley & Co. New English Factory.	Francis B. Birley.	Marciano da Silva.		Hegan & Co.
Blenkin, Rawson & Co. New English Factory	vide Hongkong Directory.		Lloyd's London Underwriter's Liverpool.	Firm.
Boustead & Co No. 2 American Hong.	Edward Boustead.	Martin Wilhelmy. Joseph Wise.		Bush & Co.
Chalmers & Co No. 2 Minqua's Hong.	Patrick Chalmers.	James Dickson Park.		Jamieson, How & Co.
Compton & Co. No. 4 American Hong, & Letsune Packhouse, Honan		A. E. H. Campbell. E. B. Gunnell. C.Saunders; & S. Compton.		Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Comstock & Co.	S. W. Comstock			Bush & Co.

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Crooke & Massey. New English Factory.	James Grooke. George Massey, (absent.)	J. R. Gray. J. T. Cuvillier.	1	Franklyn & Milne.
Dallas & Co. No. 5 Old English Factory.	William Dallas, E. George Coles, E. Stephen Ponder.	John Butt.		Rawle, Duus & Co.
Dent & Co. No. 6 Paushun Hong.	vide Hongkong Directory.	M. W. Pitcher. Daniel H. Johnson. James Bowman.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm.
Dirom, Gray & Co. New English Factory.	W. W. Dale. C. Ryder.	J. Hodgson. A. Gray. D. W. McKenzie. D. D. Lewin. B. A. Pereira.	India Insurance Office.	Fletcher & Co.
Dearie, Calvert & Co. New English Factory.	Robert Eglinton, E. Charles Dearie, E. R. H. Hunter, Calcutta R. R. Calvert.	H. C. Read. R. F. Thorburn. J. L. Maclean. Q. de Silva.	Globe Insurance Office.	Fletcher & Co.
Fischer & Co. No. 12 New English Fac.	Maximilian Fischer.	James Whittall.		Franklyn & Milne.

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Gibb, Livingston & Co. No. 6 Imperial Hong.	vide Hongkong Directory.	J. Skinner. J. M. Wright.	Ocean Marine Insurance Company of Calcutta.	Firm.
Gilman & Co. No. 6 Old English Factory.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Levin Josephs. W. H. Vacher. John Williams. George de St. Croix.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm.
Henderson, Watson&Co. No. 3 Paushun Hong.	C. P. Henderson, E. J. P. Watson, Shanghae. S. Mackenzie.	A. Thorne.		Rawle, Duus & Co.
Holliday, Wise & Co. No. 7 New English Factory.	vide Hongkong Directory.	John Shephard. Charles E. Bateson. Stephen K. Brabner.		Firm.
Hughesdon & Co. No. 7 Danish Hong.	Charles Hughesdon. Henry Rutter.			F. Spring.
James L. Mann & Co. No. 2 Chungwa Hong.	J. L. Mann.			Rawle, Duus & Co.
Jamieson, How & Co. No.3OldEnglish Factory.	vide Hongkong Directory	Alexander Walker. Richard Rothwill.		Firm.

Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
ardine, Matheson & Co. New English Factory. Eastern Frontage.	vide Hongkong Directory.	M. A. Macleod. John Thomas Mounsey. R. H. Rolfe. Albino Silveira.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm.
Kennedy McGregor & Co. New English Factory.	George C Bruce.	Henry R. Hardie. John Rae.	ý	Fletcher & Co.
Lindsay & Co. No. 3 Minqua's Hong.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Travers Buxton. G. F. Green. F. Chapman.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm.
Lyall, George & Co. No. 3 Imperial Hong.	George Lyall.	W. A. Menfing. Candido Ozorio.		Jardine, Matheson & C
Macvicar & Co. No.40ldEnglish Factory.	vide Hongkong Directory.	T. C. Piccope. G. J. Bennetts.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm.
Moul, H. & Co. Spanish Hong.	Henry Moul. John Silverlock.	Alfred Moul.		Rawle, Duus & Co.
Murrow & Co. No. 2 Paushun Hong.	Y. J. Murrow.	W. N. Piccope. L. E. Murrow.	Amicable Ins'ce Office. Phænix Marine Ins'ce Company.	Jamieson, How & Co.

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	$m{Agencies}.$	Agents in Hongkong.
Oriental Bank. New English Factory.		Archibald Dunlop. Samuel Gray. Francisco P. Silveira.	-	Oriental Bank.
Rathbones; Worthington & Co. No. 2 Old English Factory.	W. Rathbone, Junior, E. S. Grey Rathbone, E. James Worthington. T. Moncreiff, Shanghae.	F. Dewal. Charles Maltby. D. P. Simoens.		Bush & Co.
Searc, B. & Co. No. 6 New Hong. South Teh-hing-kai.	Benjamin Seare.			Rawle, Duus & Co.
Smith, Ripley & Co. No. 3 American Hong.	Timothy Smith, E. Phillip W. Ripley. H. H. Smith. Robert Ellice.			Bell & Co.
Turner & Co. New English Factory.	vide Hongkong Directory	J. H. Cannan. E. N. Snow. E. H. Levin. W. Walkinshaw. C. Anderson. C. Willson; & J. Scarth.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm.

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
Arthur Agassiz.	Arthur Agassiz.			
C. Agabeg & Co. No. 4 New French Hong.	C. Agabeg.	C. M. Carapiet. A. L. Agabeg.		William Scott & Co.
Seth & Co. No. 3 New Hong. South Teh-hing-kai.	Seth Aviet Seth. Joseph Aviet Seth. C. Panoos Zechariah.			Jamieson, How & Co.
		OF BAGDAD		
David Sassoon Sons & Co. New English Factory.	Abdallah Dayid Sassoon. Eliao Dayid Sassoon.	Jehangeer F. Buxey. Solomon David. Isaac Reuben. Benjamin Elias. Muncherjee Pestonjee.		Bush & Co.
		OF BOMBAY.		•
Amador Viegas. No. 3 Danish Hong.	Amador Viegas.			Firm.
		OF MUSCAT.		
Fazul Dumany & Co. No. 3 New Danish Hong.	Fazul Dumany. Meherally Ruhim. G. Goolam Hoossain. Mahomed Muscatee.			'

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong
H. Ardaseer & Co. No. 4 Paushun Hong.	Heerjeebhoy Hormusjee. A. Rustomjee, absent. Cursetjee Hosunjee. Eduljee Cursetjee.			Bush & Co.
Cowasjee Pallanjee&Co. No. 3 Chau-chau Hong.	Cowasjee Pallanjee, ab. Cowasjee Bomanjee, ab. Sapoorjee Bomanjee. Cowasjee Framjee.		``	Bush & Co.
Cowasjee Sapoorjee Lungrana & Co No. 5 Paushun Hong.	NesserwanjeeD, Mehta, B	Pestonjee J. Motiwalla. Rustomjee P. Motiwalla. Anderjee Sapoorjee. H. J. Nandershan. Ruttunjee F. Vacha. Dadabhoy Jamsetjee. Merwanjee E. Bisney.		Bush & Co.
Cursetjee P. Cama & Co. No. 4 Chau-chau Hong.	CursetjeePestonjeeCama Rustomjee Ruttonjee.	Dhungeebhoy Rustonjee	Достоння досто	Jamieson, How & Co.
Cursetjee Rustomjee Daver & Co. No. 2 Chau-chau Hong.	Cursetjee R. Daver. Dhunjeebhoy F. Cash.			

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	$m{R}$ esident $m{A}$ ssistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.	
Dadabhoy Burjorjee&Co No. 5 Chau-chau Hong.			*	Bush & Co.	
Dadabhoy Neserwanjee Mody & Co. No. 11 Queen Factory.	D. H. Camajee, Calcutta. M. H. Camajee, Bombay. Nuserwanjee B. Mody.	Rustomiee D. Camajee.	general de consequence de la consequence della c	Bush & Co.	
Dadabhoy Pestonjee&Co No. 4 Paushun Hong.	Dadabhoy Pestonjee. Manuckjee Pestonjee. Manuckjee C. Taback.				
D. & M. Rustomjee & Co. No. 1 Chau-chau Hong.	Dadabhoy Byramjee. Jummoojee Nuserwanjee Dadabhoy Hosungjee. Muncherjee E. Meajee.	Merwanjee Dadabhoy. Pestonjee Rustomjee. Ardaseer Byramjee. Muncherjee Frommurze. Fortunato F. Marques.		Bush & Co.	
Eduljee Framjee, Sons & Co. New English Factory.	Bomanjee Eduljee. Dadabhoy Eduljee.		1	Bush & Co.	
B. & N. Hormusjee. New English Factory.	Burjorjee Hormusjee,		1		

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Hormusjee Framjee & Co. No. 2 Chau-chau Hong.	Hormusjee Framjee, ab. Rustomjee Byramjee.	Cursetjee R. Daver. Pestonjee Dinshaw, Jr.	,	Bush & Co.
Neserwanjee Byramjee Fackeerajee & Co. No. 4 Minqua's Hong. , outside.	N. B. Fackeerajee.	Neserwanjee F. Kharass. Dadabhoy D. Lollkaca. Framjee M. Moozasitna.	,	Bush & Co.
P. & D. Neserwanjee Camajee & Co. No 6 French Hong.	P. N. Pochawjee. Dorabjee N. Camajee. H. N. Pochawjee, S.			Bush & Co.
Pestonjee Framjee Cama & Co. No. 3 French Hong.	Manackjee Nanabhoy, ab Jamsetjee Rustomjee. Dassabhoy F. Cama.	Sapoorjee N. Poochajee. Bomunjee Muncherjee. Cowasjee Pestonjee. Merwanjee Pestonjee.		Jamieson, How & Co.
Pallanjee Neserwanjee Patell & Co.	Pallanjee N. Patell. Byramjee Rustomjee. Dinsawjee Merwanjee.		•	
Pestonjee Rustomjee Huckimjee & Co. No. 4 Paushun Hong.	Pestonjee R Huckimjee			

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
Manackjee Bomanjee & Co. No. 13 New Danish Hong	Manackjee Bomanjee.	Cursetjee E. Chinoy. Byramjee M. Bhundara. Jamsetjee Cursetjee.		Bush & Co
Ruttonjee Hormusjee Camajee & Co. New English Factory.	Pestonjee H. Camajee, B Dassabhoy H. Camajee, B Ruttonjee H. Camajee.	Burjorjee Hormusjee. Manackjee Cooverjee.	Bombay Cama Insurance Company.	Bush & Co.
		PERSIAN.		
Aga Mirza Bozrug & Co. No. 6 Chau-chau Hong.	Aga Mirza Bozrug. Aga Mirza Mahomed.			Bush & Co.
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Ameroodeen & Shaik Dawood. No. 5 French Hong.	Shaik Dawood. Shaik Ahmed.	Nujmoodeen Shoojatally. S. R. Mookree. Framjee Burjorjee. Jamasjee Rustomjee. Cumerally Rumzunally. Peerozbhoy-Haijabhoy.		
Cursetjee Hormusjee Buttewalla & Co. No. 2 New Hong. South Teh-hing-kai.	C. H. Buttewalla. Sherifkhan Canjee. Abramjee Soomar Khan. N. Shaliamaliome. Salamahomed Dhunjee. Rustomjee P. Coppercia.			Bush & Co.

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong
Noor Mahomed Dhatabhoy & Co. No. 4 French Hong.	Mulloobhoy Dhongersy. Hajeebhoy Davood. Nanjeebhoy Hassam. Goolam H. Çamal.			Bush & Co.
Saboo Tyeb & Co. No. 3 New Danish Hong.	Saboo Tyeb, absent. M. Noormaneed, absent. Suliman Tarmamed. Alarekea Versee.	Haji Amed Davood. Cassum Woomer. Remutalla Versce. Joosub Salmamed. Abdoolah Nuttah.		Bush & Co.
Soomjee Visram & Co. No. 1 New Hong.	Soomjee Visram, absent. Hassen Esmael. Sardarkhan. Alli Mahomed Khan.		-	Bush & Co.
V. Rahun & A. Nayanee. No. 5 New Hong.	V. Rahun. A. Nayanee. Ebrahim S. Hussun.			Bush & Co.
N.I.	AMERICAN MER	CANTILE ESTABLISHMENTS	AND AGENCIES.	
A. A. Ritchie & Co. No. 1 Chungwa Hong.	A. A. Ritchie. H. M. Olmsted. J. Manuel Mur. Charles Platt.			Rawle, Duus & Co.

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
Bull, Isaac, M. & Co. No. 1 Paushun Hong.	J. M. Bull, absent.	William F. Robinson.		Bush & Co.
Heard, A. & Co.	John Heard	John H. Everitt,	***************************************	Bush & Co.
Nos.7, 8, &9 French Hong.		William Gilbert.		
	Joseph L. Roberts.	Augustin Heard, Jr.		
Million Property	.,	C. G. Clark.		
1		Domingos P. Marques.		
Nye, Parkin & Co.	Gideon Nye, Junior, ab.	Timothy J. Durrell.	Apriliance-managemente	Bush & Co.
No. 1 Luenshun or	William W. Parkin.	Joaquim P. Van Loffelt.		Eusir Co.
Old English Hong.	Clement D. Nye.	Julius Kreyenhagen.		
	Thomas S. H. Nye.	Edward C. H. Nye.		
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Olyphant & Co.	W. H. Morss.	D. O. King.		Rawle, Duus & Co.
No. 1 American Hong.	R. P. Dana.	W. O. Bokee.		
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<u> </u>	T. A. King.		***************************************	-
Russell & Co.	Paul S. Forbes.	S. J. Hallam.		Bush & Co.
No. 1, 2 & 3 Swedish	W. H. King.	E. A. Low.		,
Hong.	George Perkins.	G. Meredith.		
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Firms and Offices.	Partners,	Resident Assistants. Age	ncies. Agents in Hongkong.
Russell & Co. (continued)		F. Reiche. S. Rangel. J. Rangel.	
Sword & Co. No. 4 Swedish Hong.	John D. Sword John B. Trott, absent.	William S Ash.	Rawle, Duus & Co.
Tiers, Bourne & Co. No. 5 Swedish Hong.	H. F. Bourne. R. P. De Silver.	H. T. De Silver.	Rawle, Duus & Co.
Wetmore & Co. No. 1 & 2 Imperial Hong.	Samuel Wetmore, Jr. William Moore, G. H. Lamson	Henry Davis. T. S. Gittins. O. E. Roberts. Manoel Duarte Simoens. Querido Gutierres.	Rawle, Duus & Co.
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E. Moorman & Co. No. 12 British Factory. M. J. Senn Van Basel & Co. No 15 Danish Hong.	C. Sauer. M. J. Senn Van Basel.		Rawle, Duus & Co.

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
	H. G. Reynvaan. L. Carvalho.	H. Hyndman.		Rawle; Duus & Co.
Vanderburg, Romswinckel & Co. No. 4 Imperial Hong.	P. Tiedeman, Junior.	F. H. Tiedeman D. Vanderburg, Junior.		Phillips, Moore & Co.
	German Merc	CANTILE ESTABLISHMENTS	AND AGENCIES.	
Carlowitz, Harkort & Co. No. 2 Minqua's Hong. foutside.	Richard Carlowitz. Bernhard Harkort.			Bush & Co.
D. W. Schwemann. No. 1 Mingqua's Hong.	D. W. Schwemann.	William Dreyer.		Bush & Co.
Pustan & Co. No. 3 Mingqua's Hong. outside.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Edward Cramer.		Firm.
	Swiss Merc	ANTILE ESTABLISHMENTS	AND AGENCIES.	
Bovet, Brothers, & Co. No. 2 French Hong.	Louis Boyet Fritz Boyet	A The second sec		F. Spring:
Dimier, Brothers & Co. No. 2 Danish Hong.		Maria Transit	D.D. WARM BOT	

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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
Reiss & Co. New English Factory.	M. Sichel.	Thomas Everard.	1	Holliday, Wise & Co.
Edward Vaucher. No. 8 Danish Hong.	Edward Vaucher. Fritz Vaucher.			Rawle, Duus & Co.
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Firms and Offices.	Partners.	Resident Assistants.	Agencies.	Agents in Hongkong.
Hegan & Co.	vide Hongkong Directory.	William Ward Brown.	·	Firm.
Henderson, Watson&Co.	vide Canton Directory.	S. Maitland.		Bush & Co.
Holliday, Wise & Co. Nee-kee Hong.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Charles Waters. Thomas Pyke.		Firm.
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G. F. Hubertson.	G. F. Hubertson.	William Potter.	Oriental Bank.	Bush & Co.
Jardine, Matheson & Co E-woe Hong.	vide Hongkong Directory	James Grant C. Matheson, & C. Wills.	vide Hongkong Directory,	Firm.
Alexander Johnston.	Alexander Johnston.		. , ,	Bush & Co.
Lindsay & Co.	vide Hongkong Directory	William Hogg.		Firm.
Mackenzie Brothers&C Minglee Hong.	o K. R. Mackenzie. C. D. Mackenzie.	W. G. Aspinall.	1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	Gilman & Co.
Macvicar & Co.	vide Hongkong Directory	Henry H. Kennedy. Julius Sauer. William Mitchell.	vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm.

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Phillips, Moore & Co. vide	Hongkong Directory.	Adolphus Lewis. Daniel St. Clair Steevens.		Fyrm:
Platt, Hargreaves & Co. The	omas Platt.	R: Greenwold. W. Thorburn. J. Lewis. W. Hargreaves.		Rawle, Duus & Co.
& Co. Mon-kee-lee-Hong.	de Canton Directory.	George Dent. William Broughall.		Bush & Co.
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	e Hongkong Directory.		vide Hongkong Directory.	Firm
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C. S. Lungrana & Co. vide Canton Woosung.	Directory. Framjee S. Lungrana. Dossabhoy Hormusjee.		Bush & Co.
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Brief description of the Town of Victoria, with remarks on the various Trades, Institutions &c. prepared as an accompaniment to the Hongkong Almanack and Directory for 1848.

The Town of Victoria is situated on the northern shore of the Island of Hongkong; Its geographical position on the Globe is in Latitude 22° 16′ 37" North: Longitude 114° 9′ 20" East, (from the Post Office). The distance from the Portuguese City of Macao, which lies in a westerly direction, is about 40 miles: Canton, the capital of southern China by the usual route is distant nearly 80 miles, and bears about N.W. (vide note.)

Victoria (as will be seen by a reference to the plan attached) is divided into three districts—East, West, and Proper; its extent throughout is about 4 miles—its greatest breadth but little more than a quarter of a mile.

Victoria Proper, excepting several large mercantile establishments, and a few private residences and shops, is almost wholly occupied by the Garrison and for offices of the Civil Government.

Victoria East, although containing the greatest number of extensive mercantile houses, is properly a suburban district, including within its limits the Catholic and Protestant Cemeteries the Race ground and several Farms of arable land.

Victoria West, is the only portion intersected with streets and approaching to the denomination and character of a Town; its eastern boundary entering from the Sea runs in a South Westerly direction up a deep and romantic Glen called in the first years of the settlement "Elliot's Vale" from this boundary to the Ta-ping-shan or western side of the Town, the mountainous ridges on which Streets and Terraces are formed, rise from the Sea at an average inclination of 2 feet in 10; the black rocky mountain about half a mile further up in the rear, again rising abruptly to the height of 1800 feet, above the Sea.

The least width of the Harbour fronting the Town is about a mile and a quarter, and within this distance from the shore vessels generally lie, and discharge or take in cargo, which is transported in Boats of from 30 to 50 tons burthen; in some places 6 and 7 Fathoms of water are found close in shore; the depth throughout the Harbour varying from 3 to 13 Fathoms. The rise of the Tide at Springs, is about 9 feet, the daily rise and fall is seldom less than half that height.

The soil upon which Victoria is built is of a red, crumbly unfruitful earth, interspersed with rocks and lumps of coarse and for the most part useless granite; with the exception of a few bays along the shore in which the land was made up in broad steps on the faces of the hills, hardly any part of Victoria was made use of by the Chinese previous to our occupation of the Island; in fact the general abrupt contour of the country would almost preclude the possibility of doing so, even had the soil been of a productive kind; with a regular system of Agriculture and good manure, this sterile earth may in time however be rendered available for kitchen garden purposes, but in common with all places naturally barren and requiring much artificial agency to become productive, unless carefully, and constantly tended, it will quickly relapse into its pristine uselessness.

The climate of Victoria is found to be not more unwholesome than other stations in the same range of latitude; the winds for nearly three fourths of the year prevail from the eastward, veering northerly in the latter and former parts; considering that the Sou'West monsoon blows from April' till October in as high a latitude as that of Shanghae (32° North,) this prevalence of easterly winds may appear strange, but is to be accounted for by the position of the adjacent lands, and high mountainous range on the East side of the Island, which appears to have the effect of diverting the currents of wind in the same manner as would be the changing flow of a tide round an abrupt promontory; it is during the latter part only of the monsoon that the southerly and westerly breezes are of any consequence. A frost in Victoria is an especial curiosity, and snow has not yet been seen; the dryest months of the year are December, January and February; in March heavy rains are generally experienced, of which there is a partial cessation in the following month, but the rainy seasons are here very uncertain and irregular, hardly two years together being alike as to commencement and duration; for two or three years the heavy falls have set in May, and continued at intervals until the middle of September, the month of August is however regularly the wettest of the whole; the Thermometer sometimes rises in the shade to 90° of Fahrenheit; very rarely to 93°, but the average summer heat is from 78° to 88°; the month of July is the hottest and most trying of all; in the Winter months the Thermometer is seldom lower than 53°; with a continuation of northerly winds it sometimes falls during the night to 45°, but remaining so only for a few hours, and probably succeeded on the following Noon by a Temperature of 85°. The principal causes of sickness in Victoria, are such as would be incidental in India, or any place within the influence of those exhausting effects which tropical climates have upon the nervous system of Europeans, and which render the body more than ordinarily susceptible of disease; to persons of weak constitution the sudden fluctuations of climate at the fall of the year as just alluded to, ought to be particularly guarded against; flannel worn next the skin, and a generous diet, from which a moderate use of wine or other stimulants should not be excluded, are undoubtedly the best preservatives; in the summer months exposure of the person to the direct rays of the Sun, without exercise has a peculiarly injurious effect; with exercise, and the eyes shaded the danger is not so great. The sickly character which has been entailed upon Hongkong originated from causes which in Victoria are now nearly eradicated: the great incentive to sickness in the early days of the settlement was residence in badly built houses, with floors barely removed from the damp earth, often times within the influence of the miasma arising from marshes or the noxious gases of newly up turned earth, or sleeping in rooms, damp and newly painted, the smell of chinese paint being poisonous and invariably producing severe cholic.

Victoria is plentifully supplied with water from streams (of which there are not less than seven) that flow unceasingly from the mountains throughout the year: springs of soft water are also obtained by digging to the depth of a dozen feet, even within as many feet from high water mark. Water is pumped into Ships in the harbour from Boats sent from the Water Boat office (No. 74) at the rate of \$1 per ton. The Queen's Road running from one extent of Victoria to the other, is 50 feet in width, and on an average level of from 10 to 20 feet above the Sea beach; in many places deep cuttings and excavations have been required, whilst in ravines and other parts it has been entirely made up, a task of no mean difficulty during the rainy seasons of the year, and until the masses of earth became consolidated. The

Gap or entrance to the Wong-nai-chung Valley is a cutting of about 80 feet in depth, and when first opened was looked upon by the Chinese and visitors from Macao, who had no idea of the fashion of English roads, in the light of an eighth wonder; the Queen's Road is now in many places skirted with trees, which when grown to their full size will add much to the comfort and beauty of the town: large arched granite sewers have been built at a great expense where necessary, excepting in that part of the town occupied by the Chinese, which is not yet completed; these serve to carry off the heavy torrents of rain as well as the filth and soil from the houses; the passage of the mountain. streams being diverted to the embouchures and flowing direct into the Sea, carries away all unnecessary accumulation, and aids in rendering the Town healthful and sweet: the streets are of 25 feet in width, those only however which are of such a gradient as to enable a carriage to be drawn up, are provided similarly to the Queen's Road with kirbed foot paths and side channells; the other streets have either open culverts or centre gutters; beside detached portions of the Queen's Road, Gough Street is the only one having a handsome range of houses on each side; in the other streets good houses are comparatively, few and far between. The houses are built principally of black un-burnt Bricks on granite foundations, and coated with plaster of Chunam, (Lime of calcined oyster shells) those of the Chinese are chiefly of two stories with wood fronts and venetians: the Officer's Quarters, Union Chapel, and several private residences are finished with large columns of polished granite, quarried in the island. The Hongkong Club house, The Exchange, The Oriental Bank, residence of the Lieutenant Governor, Military Hospital and Officers Quarters, together with the private residences of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Messrs. Dent & Co., and the offices and establishments of most of the principal merchants are buildings of an architecture, which will doubtless vie, with any of similar description, to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope: St. John's Church in the early pointed English style, and the Colonial Offices, both in progress of erection, will also when completed be very handsome and elaborate works of art: many of the Chinese houses and several Bungalows built by Europeans, have the walls formed of neichune, which is made by placing together a frame work of boards, and ramming down between them in a dry state a compound of sifted earth, chunam and sand; this in course of time becomes as hard as concrete. The houses of the primitive English settlers in Hongkong, and in which so much sickness was engendered, were built of the Palm or Quei Leaf tied to a framework of Bamboos; at present this delicate species of house building is confined to temporary huts for workmen, or sheds over buildings in course of erection.

When a settlement on the present site of Victoria was first determined on, and the Port of Hongkong was publicly proclaimed by Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary Captain Elliot, to be free to all nations, it was generally imagined that the increased security and convenience here to be afforded for the storage of goods, over that obtainable at Canton, would outweigh all other considerations, and permanently and effectually divert the old tradal system of southern China; acting on this impression, upwards of a dozen of the principal British and Parsectirms and others, competed with the greatest avidity for possession of the lots having sea frontage which were first exposed for sale in June 1841 thirty four of these lots were knocked down at an average annual quit rent of £ 333 11s per acre, or at an advance of upwards of 233 per cent on the upset price; but from circumstances which it may be deemed irrelevant to enter upon in this place, the advantages of Victoria as a secure depot have been set aside, and the begganly account of empty godowns and deserted

houses at the close of the year 1847, exhibit how differently the settlement has turned out from what was at first anticipated: the general rates for landing goods and storage for one month are as follows.

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Bombay Cotton, Canvass, Blankets,	Per Bale.	30
Madras or Calcutta Cotton,	,,	25
American Shirtings or Drill,	"	20
English Shirtings, Prints, Muslins, Bombazettes, Imita-	Per Piece.	1,2
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Spanish Stripes, Habit or Long Cloth,	,,,	2
Long Ells or Camblets,	Per Bale.	20
Butt of Spirits, Wine, Beer, Biscuit,	Per Butt.	50
Ditto or Puncheons,	Per Half.	30
Hogsheads,	Per Hogshead	20
Quarter Casks,	Per ‡ Cask.	10
Salt Provisions, Tar, Pitch,	Per Barrel.	20
Flour, Ship's Bread,	,,_	16
Boxes holding over 6 dozen Bottles of irregular size,	Per Box.	30
Ditto 6 , Wine or Beer, -	"	20
Ditto 3 a 4 ,, ,, ,,	, ,,	15
Ditto 2 a 4 ,, ,, ,,	"	10
Ditto 1 a 2 ,, , , , ,		5
Cases of Gin or Baskets of Oil,	Per Package.	5
Cassia, Camphor or Rhubarb,	Per Pecul.	10
Pecul Cases ditto ditto	Per Case.	5
Bengal Rice or Sugar in 2 Maund Bags,	Per Bag	3
Coffee, Saltpetre,	Per Pecul.	4
Alum, Rice, Gypsum,	Per Pecul.	5
Copper, Lead, and Tin	"	5
Iron.	"	2
Rattans, Sandalwood and Sapanwood,	۰,,	3

Close stowage at the rate of 100 tons for \$ 40 per month.

Within the acknowledged limits of the harbour which is about 5 miles in length, upwards of 200 sail of shipping, properly berthed, could find secure anchorage throughout the heaviest gales; the number of merchant vessels at anchor off the Town varies from 10 to 40 at a time; but excepting a few stationary ones their stay for the most part is very brief, seldom exceeding a week, in fact for every day throughout the year a fresh arrival may be calculated upon, and an equivalent departure; general communication between Victoria and Ports open to Trade on the North East Coast of China is at present very irregular and uncertain, excepting to those firms who employ their own vessels for the purpose, of which there are about half a dozen constantly on the route; these vessels of immaterial burden, but commanded by men of much experience, and ability, make the passage to and fro of the most dangerous navigation, against all weathers and in all seasons of the year, exporting chiefly Opium and Long cloths, and bringing back specie, Silks, and Tea; during the past year an unusual number of vessels have loaded in the port with Sugar for Sydney, most of the cargoes being at once put on. Soard the ressels loading, from the chinese Boats bringing it, without being

ware-housed previous to shipment; there is much reason to anticipate an increase of this species of Trade, the prices of fair quality moist Sugar put on

board varying from \$ 2½ to \$ 5 per Pecul.

With Macao and Canton intercourse is now pretty regular, the passage to the former place is made chiefly in Boats having one large and two smaller cabins called Fast Boats; for charter of the whole Boat, the men in charge demand from 8 to 12 dollars; for one of the small cabins 2 and 3 dollars, and if engaged for a week at the rate of 4 dollars per day; with a fair wind and starting with flood tide, the passage can be made in about 6 hours The Steamer Corsair making on an average 8 trips during the month renders a passage to Canton both agreeable and safe, the charge thither is \$ 12 and the passage is generally performed in about 10 hours: Fast Boats similar to those described as plying between this and Macao start regularly every evening at 6 o'clock from Chinam's Wharf (No. 82 on the plan) and is a good mode of conveyance for parcels, but owing to several attacks made on these Boats by Pirates, single passengers do not take passage in them without fear, nor at all if there is any possibility of obtaining a passage in another way: English modelled Sailing Boats pulling about 20 oars and established by subscription among the merchants, start regularly in the evening also from

the same place carrying a Post Office Mail.

The number of fixed residents in Victoria of European or American extraction exclusive of the Garrison, does not exceed 400, besides about 200 Macao born Portuguese: the Chinese fixed population may be taken at from 15,000 to 20,000 considerable numbers of them living in Boats in the harbour; how the greater half of these people find the means of existence is a matter of some speculation; although the relative amounts of population are so widely different, fewer Chinese die in Hongkong than Europeans, for as soon as they feel the approach of serious sickness, which is generally in the shape of remittent fever, they retire to their native hills to recruit, or die, in the latter event leaving their deaths unrecorded in the bills of mortality for Victoria. Nearly the whole of the provisions consumed in Hongkong are brought from the mainland, and in the event of war, or aggression on the part of the Chinese, or local commotion, (of which there has been one instance already) the means of existence would be very expensive, not to say difficult of being obtained: at present the markets are plentifully supplied with good Beef and Pork at 4d. per pound: Mutton 11d. Poultry, such as Turkeys, Geese, and Fowls and Wild Ducks, Teal and Partridge in season, and an abundant and regular supply of excellent Fish of various kinds: Vegetables are also cheap and plentiful, Yams and Cocoes are sold at from $\frac{3}{4}d$. to $1\frac{1}{2}d$. per pound: Potatoes vary from 2d. to 6d.; Oranges, Pumeloes, Water Melons, Plantains, Custard Apples and Grapes are also in seasonable supply, but these with various other kinds of fruit sold, although delicious and acceptable enough, are not to be compared with fruits of a similar description to be obtained in Canton and other parts of China. It is not unusual on purchasing at the Market, to have the weights given by the Chinese in English pounds and ounces, to understand which, the wooden dotchin or Chinese weighing machine, resembling the English steelyard, is doubly graduated with circles of brass pins; the following table exhibits the equivalent in English weights, on the market scale of 1331 pounds to the Chinese pecul.

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Rice, of which large quantities are imported from Bally and India, with salt fish and fat Pork is the principal article of Chinese diet, and for drink, Tea, and hot Samshew a spirit distilled from Rice, not generally palatable to Europeans, to retail which there are 26 Shopkeepers who pay \$ 100 per annum for license; Arrack, Hollands, Gin and Brandy are the principal liquors retailed in the Taverns, of which there are as many as 14 licensed at an annual rate of \$ 100; almost their only visitors being Sailors from the ships in port and Soldiers of the Garrison. Light Wines, Beer and Soda Water are the customary liquors used at a private mess. Ice is imported from America by a local company, and retailed to casual purchasers at 5 cents per The ground on which the Ice house stands (a substantial two storied building (No. 49) erected by subscription and vested in the hands of a committee) was a free grant from Government for a term of 75 years, on condition that the public hospitals should be supplied at the lowest rate of retail: Ice is delivered between the hours of 5 and 7 in the morning and 2 and 4 in the afternoon, and an average quantity of 700 pounds is consumed daily.

The Fuel used for culinary purposes is chiefly a coarse kind of Fir Wood and Charcoal, mostly imported from the neighbourhood of Canton, the former is sold in small bundles of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ pound avordupois weight, for a sum equivalent to a half penny of English money; the latter in baskets of about 20 pounds for 10d.; small quantities of mineral coal have been imported from Formosa, and sold at about 15s. per ton; the supplies cannot however yet be depended up on; Coals imported from Sydney have found ready sale at a similar rate, but which is hardly sufficient to renumerate the Importer: the number of families using Coal in winter is however very small; the whole quantity consumed in Hongkong including the barracks during a year, does

not probably exceed a thousand tons.

A local ordinance renders it imperative on every householder to have a lamp over the door at night; the oil used for this purpose is erroneously called Tea Oil, but properly it is prepared from a species of ground nut and is imported from the mainland-in quantities to suit consumption, and sold at about 2s. 6d. per gallon; the Chinese use this oil also for food and cooking purposes; when burning it affords a clear bright light and is not so offensive to the smell as English Lamp oil.

Servants wages owing to the number of persons required, are very high; Compradors, whose duties are similar to those of an English Butler get from £ 40 to 60 per annum; Servants generally from £ 15 to 20 per annum.

The only trades carried on by Europeans in Victoria are Appraising and Auctioneering, Baking, Farriery, Hotel and Tavern Keeping, Livery Stable Keeping, Printing, Plumbing, Saddlery, Sail Making, Sign Painting, Ship Chandlery, Store Keeping, Ship Building, and Watchmaking.

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The business of Auctioneering in comparison with other places, is here carried on to a great extent; for a license to sell by Auction an annual sum of \$50 is paid to Government, and also a duty of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on all sales excepting those effected for the benefit of underwriters, or ordered by the Court

On an average not less than 10 sales are advertised every week, conducted by 8 persons who hold licenses; Opium, Long Cloths, and Cotton twist slightly damaged, invariably realize excellent prices, through the competition of the Chinese brokers in constant attendance; the commission usually charged is 5 per cent on rendering account sales and proceeds, beside advertising expenses, the duty being paid by the purchaser.

There are at present three European Bakers and Pastry cooks in Victoria, but from the irregular importation of good Flour from Sydney or America and the want of Barm Yeast, a regular supply of good Bread cannot always

be depended upon. The price of the 14 pound Loaf is 10 cents or 5d.

The British Hotel (No. 72) the only one in Victoria, is conducted on a small but respectable scale; from the limited patronage accorded to such an establishment, owing to the small influx of visitors who do not take up their quarters at the Club house, prices are necessarily high; board and Lodging for a single person without Wines or Beer is \$2½ per diem: a good Billiard Table, for keeping which an annual license \$ of 101 is paid to Government is also attached to the Hotel.

The Livery Stables (No. 115) are patronized chiefly by liberty men from on board ship, whose "feats of noble horsemanship" when half seas over, are more witching to the mirth than the admiration: the charge for a horse per day is \$2, but from the constant patronage just alluded to, the value and beauty of the stud may be easily inferred without inspection.

Printing is here a lucrative business, and a sufficiency of employment is found to keep going another Press beside those at the three Newspaper Offices: the work of Compositors is performed by Portuguese, reading after whom

is naturally a tedious task.

But little employment is afforded for the Plumber: the only one in the place unites with his business that of Sign painting, in which he is a great proficient.

The heavy expenses of Warehouse Rent and Servants adds very greatly to the prices of goods sold here by the Ship Chandler and Store keeper; articles which in established Towns in England would be found at separate marts, are here kept indiscriminately together; Provisions, Liquors, Perfumery, Clothing, Stationery, and Ironmongery may all be inserted in the same order.

The trade of Schmaking is a moderately good one, the stiching being performed by Chinese who have learnt to use the Palm and needle very expertly.

As only two or three small vessels have been launched at Victoria the term Ship Building is hardly a correct one to apply to the business of Shipwright as carried on here: from the number of vessels continually arriving from Sea it will be conceived that considerable repairs are constantly required, which is the case: a patent slip has lately been laid down by Mr. Lamont on the premises of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. at the East point (No. 2) which when carried out to the intended extent Seaward will enable vessels of from 4 to 500 tons burden to be taken up at spring tides; hitherto vessels requiring extensive repairs to the Hull have had to be hove down to hulks, kept for that purpose: the Chinese Caulkers and Carpenters are fair workmen, and are sent on board ship at the rate of \$\frac{3}{4}\$ per day.

The want of a good European Tailor, Barber, and Shoemaker is greatly felt, the latter more particularly, and it is a matter of some surprise that a Son of St. Crispin has never deigned to set up his Cobbling Stall amongst us, where the affixing of heel taps and sparrow bills would be well paid for Shoes and Boots form here a very extensive item in a Bachelor's expenses

Upwards of 80 different Trades are practised by the Chinese in Victoria, of these the principal are, Butchers, Bakers, Chandlers, Shop Keepers, House Builders, Road makers, Carpenters, Cabinet makers, Bamboo workers, Blacksmiths, Tin and Copper Smiths, Painters, Glaziers, Ivory workers, Silversmiths, Umbrella makers, Tailors, Shoemakers, Pawn brokers, Opium refiners, Washermen and a variety of others; the remarks to be offered on these trades in the order in which they are set down, must necessarily be brief.

The bread made by Chinese Bakers, is mostly of Maize Flour, and from the use of inferior leaven is coarse and of a dark colour, oftentimes sour; Contractors for supplying the Soldiery and Ships of war are the principal purchasers: the Chinese eat but very little Bread among themselves, but a plate of hot toast and butter meets with no manner of contempt if placed in their way; the Bread which may be called *indegenous* to China is boiled in small round loaves like dumplings, and sold for about a half penny each.

A Chinese Chandler's store is a complete Emporium of varieties; the front of the shop in addition to the hanging sign, which is disposed vice versa to English fashion, is graced with fat Pork in chops, dried and varnished to the colour of mahogany, dry pickled Ducks, Gizzards, Hams, Strings of Sausages cured by exposure to the Sun, Salt Fish and huge baskets of Rice of various shades and qualities; In the interior of the store, labelled Jars of different kinds of Pickles are arranged on shelves; coloured Candles and Tinsel paper for sacrificial offerings, Brooms, Baskets and Hats all constructed of the universal Bamboo, showily painted Lanthorns made by varnishing over a light Bamboo frame work, together with bundles of different coloured string hang from the ceilings, and on the floor large Jars of Oil, pickled Cabbage, Samshew, Beans, Tea and Sugar, whilst some portion of the narrow counter displays small baskets of Loch soy, (resembling vermicelli in appearance and used for the same purpose) packs of cards, chinese crackers &c. &c.: never less than three, and in large establishments a goodly number of assistants are constantly ready to serve customers; one stands in the centre of the shop and bawls out the articles required, another prepares the same, and the clerk sitting on the money box behind the counter makes entry simultaneously with the delivery, business thus being carried on with a degree of carefulness and precision, exemplary even to Europeans.

In about 20 shops on the Queen's Road and other parts of the Town, Household stores, such as Cheese, Butter, Candles, Soap, Tart Fruits and Pickles together with Haberdashery, Cutlery &c. are sold at prices much less than would be asked in the European stores, but as a China-man cannot be expected to be au fait at knowing the quality of his stock, a great quantity of which is imported from America and purchased by them at Auctions, the nominal difference in price, hardly compensates for the risk of getting a bad bargain: some of these Shopkeepers allege vending goods to the amount of a hundred pounds sterling per month, at an average profit of 20 per cent, but it is doubtful whether throughout the year, they dispose of the half of such an

amount monthly.

From the number of workmen necessary in the formation of a town which in the short space of 6 years, contains upwards of a thousand houses, house building it is doubtless imagined, is a business in which the Chinese are somewhat proficient, but with the exception of one or two good travelled workmen, the master builders are men, whose sole qualification rests on an ability for counting the cost, or an aptitude at catching the ideas of the party employing, and unless well superintended, Chinese builders are the greatest scamps in existence: the plans being prepared, an explanation of the kind of building

required, will oftentimes be taken by some one professing to be a builder, whose previous employment has been that of an office or chamber servant and who in that capacity may have picked up a gibberish somewhat resembling the English language: this man, or perhaps two or more together, one finding tongue and savez, the others cash or credit for providing materials, will, with "a modest confidence and calm assurance" unparalleled, readily undertake Building Contracts of the most extensive nature; branches of the trade such as Excavator, Mason, Bricklayer, Plasterer, Carpenter, Painter, and Glazier, which in England would be separately and respectively contract-

ed for, are here all estimated and undertaken in the lump.

Owing to the less degree of finish bestowed on the interior arrangements and difference in the price of materials and labour, Housebuilding is considerably cheaper than in England: rough stone work in foundations averages 9 cents or 4½d. per cubic foot; arched Masonry 26 cents, or 13d. better or inferior kinds of work proportionately: the stone used is a beautiful granite procured on the North East side of the Island, for a license to quarry which \$2,000 is paid per annum: the Chisels used by the Masons are pointed like the beak of an Anvil, steeled and tempered but requiring constant repair; among the sheds of the workmen, smiths are all night long engaged in repairing the tools rendered useless in the day: Brickwork ranges from 10 to 15 cents per cubic foot according to the price of bricks, which vary from 2½ to 3½ dollars per thousand; this fluctuation in the price occurs chiefly during the wet season, when the Canton River, (from the banks of which they are brought,) is rendered impassable by the floods: there being no parliamentary standard, bricks are made of various sizes, the most customary being an inch shorter than the English brick and less broad and thick: it was just now stated that the Chinese builders were great scamps if not well looked after, in nothing are they more so than in their style of bricklaying; an instance of this occurred in the erection of the first building of any magnitude in the colony; owing to the early death of the architect who had come on with his family from India, the second and third stories were ran up with but very little inspection, and the roof was in progress of being laid, when a main wing of the building came down with a tremendous crash, killing and maining several of the workmen; on examination into the cause, it was discovered that the brick walls of two or three feet in thickness, had been constructed by simply decorating the outer edges of the outer course of bricks with a quarter of an inch border of wet Lime, laying the bricks to about 2 feet in height of stretcher or length-wise, to one course of header or a-cross, placed on a grouting of mud and sand, whilst in the whole body of those walls which were still standing, the bricks had been packed dry, and were taken out as clean as when first landed for the work; how the building could ever have attained such a height, was more to be wondered at than its fall; as a matter of course the whole of the building was pulled down, greatly to the annoyance of the proprietors, who had it rebuilt under the supervision of an English overseer, but even in this instance from a want of ._attention, sand from the salt sea beach was allowed to be used in making the mortar, and to the present day, one of the most showy buildings in Hongkong, is in a measure incomplete from the impossibility of getting coloring to stand on the walls. The timber used is brought to Canton in large rafts from the interior of the country, and sent here in boat loads; it is of stunted growth, but pretty free from knots; spars of 15 feet long by a mean girth of 2 feet are obtained for about a shilling a piece, (1d. per cubic foot) larger spars are of increased price, but altogether cheaper than timber used at

home for similar purposes: many of these spars are brought ready split for flooring boards, and look when well laid down malgré their narrowness as clean and uniform as Baltic or American deals, but dryer and less resinous, and not of a similar durable nature in exposed situations: main beams, roofing timbers and door linings are invariably made of Manila or Singapore hard wood, when it can be obtained: from a prejudice against the colour as being so attractive of heat, but few houses are covered with slates; the mode of tiling is very clumsy; the pan tiles instead of being made to over-lap each other on the sides as in England, are made of an oblong shape about 10 inches by 8 inches and but slightly concave; these are placed edge to edge, and the joining covered with a ridge of semicircular tiles, over which is placed a thick coating of mortar, another course of tiles, is laid on the ridges and then completed with a mortar beading in lieu of more ridge tiles, the whole forming a roof of no light weight. There are several Lime Kilns on the South side of the Island, and on the opposite shore, in which the fires are kept up by means of large bellows; the chunam or lime is retailed at about 7d. per cwt. some very excellent stone lime has been obtained to order from the neighbourhood of Canton: The wages of Masons, Bricklayers and Carpenters are on the same ratio, viz about $16\frac{1}{2}d$. per day; Coolies or Laborers at a little better than 7d. per day.

There are upwards of a dozen Cabinet-makers in Victoria, and it is a trade at which they exhibit great ingenuity and imitativeness; articles of house-hold furniture made of a species of red inferior Mahogany, or Camphor wood can be obtained at reasonable prices: the price of wrought Iron work, which is charged for by weight, is high, varying from \$12 to \$20 per pecul, or an average of £56 per ton; beside shipping repairs there has been but little of this work to be done however, and now that house building is at a stand still there is still less; Charcoal is used for Fuel at the forges, but from its not affording a long continued heat, heavy weldings are difficult of performance: the smith's bellows are of curious construction, and may be likened to a large syringe, the cylinder of wood generally about 4 feet long and 10 inches in

diameter, being laid horizontally and worked with an iron piston.

There are more than half a dozen Tinsmiths in the town, who work well and cheap; casting in Copper and Brass is a trade well understood by the Chinese; brass Door hinges, Boat's rowlocks and similar articles can be procured to order at prices varying from 35 to 50 cents per catty, or say 15d.

per pound.

Inhaling the smell of chinese paint it has been stated has a poisonous effect upon Europeans; journey-men painters are however a healthier looking race than Englishmen in the same trade, which may be accounted for by the absence of lead and turpentine from the materials in use; their paint dries very quickly, bears a good gloss and unless greatly exposed is pretty lasting; houses in Victoria are not considered finished unless the floors are painted and ornamented; the process of doing this is very speedy, the crevices being duly stoppered, a coating of dryers is laid on, of which the principal ingredient is said to be animal blood, and which emits a disgusting stench: this coating laid on before 8 o'clock is dry by noon, and the floor is ready for paint which is well rubbed in by means of a wad of tow or bamboo shavings, held in the hand, and dipped from time to time in the earthenware pipkin; following this man who sits on the floor to his work, another smooths off with a brush somewhat resembling a scraper, who is succeeded by the grainer with colours of a darker hue, which he disposes in diamond squares to resemble marbling; in a few hours the whole is dry, and a picking out of white

completes the job, the day following it is fit to be walked upon: There is but one earthenware painting establishment in Victoria (No. 116) but the prices asked are so much beyond those at Canton that much encouragement is not afforded to him, these prices are enhanced by the heavy shop and ground rents in the town, and this cause, lacquered ware and other of the fine art manufacturers allege will for ever debar them from settling amongst us, and thus many curious branches of Chinese trade are witheld from general knowledge. Rice-paper and other painters in Victoria are far behind their Canton brethren in the art, and great encouragement is not given to them.

The window glass mostly used in Hongkong is imported from England or America and sold in boxes of sizes at an average of 25 shillings per 100 feet; Of the trade of Silversmith there is upwards of a dozen shops in the Town, where articles are work'd, up for Chinese wear only; it is not unreasonable to suspect from the great number of these shops, that silver ornaments obtained by free-booters from the mainland are here converted into a different shape and secretly exported; plain silver services can be obtained to order at an addition of 12 per cent on the weight.

Nearly the whole of the European shaped shoes made by the Chinese are of a disagreeable smelling pig's skin, lined with a showy kind of silk; these shoes can only be worn in dry weather and soon become useless; one of the disadvantages incurred by wearing them is, that the foot gets out of shape and tender, and when the state of the weather renders it necessary for English shoes to be worn, no small degree of pain has to be endured.

Government obtains from 8 licensed Pawn brokers \$ 350 per annum each: the state of that society which affords much encouragement to the money lender is hollow and suspicious; Pawn broking and money lending is carried on in Victoria to a much greater extent than people imagine and the frequency of sales in execution exhibit in a measure, the quantity of unredeemed pledges; when gentlemen residents can obtain from licensed Pawn brokers for the use of money upon good security, interest varying from 35 to 50 per cent per annum, the usurious scale upon which this trade is here conducted can be better imagined than dwelt upon with feelings apart from disgust and pity; in a population the bulk of whom belong to the class of "the great unwashed" whose property is rags, valueless and not receivable, the enquiry naturally arises "what description or amount of pledges can be stored at these places enabling the broker to pay very high for his license?" and an answer to that enquiry can alone be arrived at by turning to those suspicious sources alluded to in the Silversmith's trade: free ingress, anchorage in and egress of the harbor, affords every facility for the reception of goods continually obtained by those sailing robbers, who have made it and the adjacent waters the grand nucleus of their nefarious operations.

But two of the principal Chinese trades enumerated remain to be commented on; Opium dealing and refining and clothes washing: the latter trade has but little to be said about it; clean linen rules primitive in the standard of civilization; to the little score of Hongkong washermen, who are bonded together by strictest rules and "vows registered in heaven" to wash for none obnoxious to the other, let not the stranger to China imagine that shirtless Celestials accord much patronage, for as a matter of economy their dress if left to their own choice is generally of a sombre hue, and jackets and trowsers get dipped in the limpid stream so often only as the congregated vermin require removal. Washing the clothes of Europeans is performed in the open air, tanks being formed in the course of some mountain rivulet, dhobies stand

up to their knees in the water and render the process of ablution by beating with a stick on some smooth stone.

That greatest bane and to present appearance immovable obstacle, to an extension of legitimate commerce between China and the rest of the world; The Opium traffic, which through the obstinate and mistaken policy of the Chinese Government, subserves the interests of the many to the fortunes of the few, is not in Victoria (proportionably to the trade in other parts of China), carried on to any great extent; Opium is refined and openly retailed on the opposite shore of Kowloon, but the amount of bribe to the Chinese Mandarins for winking at this infraction of the laws must be very high, or those parties who have for the two years previous to July last, made payment to our Government of an annual duty of £ 4,000 for farming the license to retail, could not have competed with them in the sale; since that time the exclusive right for one man to retail Opium in-Victoria, has been done away with, and licenses are now indiscriminately issued in three different forms; 1st to sell in quantities less than a chest (which weighs about 1\frac{1}{4} cwt.) for this \$ 360 per annum is paid; 2nd for license to boil down and refine the Opium preparatory to being used, for which the charge is \$240 per annum; 3rd for keeping an Opium smoking Divan, and for this indulgence a license is charged at \$ 10

per month.

To the readers of these remarks who may not know what Opium is like, and there are probably many residents of Victoria who are in that state of ignorance, it may not be amiss to explain, that as described in Dictionaries it is, "a juice partly resinous, partly gummy, of a very bitter and acrid taste, and of soporific qualities," to which may be added that it is brought to China in large quantities from India and Turkey where it exudes from incisions made around the capsules of the Poppy plant; at first it flows in a white milky state, but a day's exposure to the Sun hardens it into a dark brown mass; there are various ways of packing and preserving the Opium thus obtained, some is made up into flat circular cakes about an inch thick; Malwa Opium of which not much is used in southern China is sent here in this shape: Patna and Benares Opium, taking their names from the provinces of Bahar and Benares, in which they are prepared, is made up in balls weighing about 31 pounds each, and coverered with a hard artificial shell, made with a combination of the skins of the Poppy petal; the latter description of Opium is that chiefly traded in at Victoria, and varies in price from \$ 10 to \$ 15 and \$ 20 per ball, according to the state of the market: the cultivation of Opium in India is a monopoly of the British East India Company, to whom the growers are obliged to sell it, and the net revenue thus derived amounts on an average annual export of 25,000 chests to China alone, to about 2½ millions of pounds sterling.

The effect of indulgence in Opium smoking, is to purchase brief dreams of bliss, and the pleasures of Elysium at the expense of every energy dignifying manhood; the appetite for natural food becomes weakened, the powers of reason destroyed, and a continued internal gnawing brings the young debauchee to a premature grave: previous to the commencement of the present century the quantity of Opium brought to China was inconsiderable, its evil effect on public morality about that time became known to the Chinese Government, and with the simple solicitude of a father who would prevent his children from indulging in injurious fruit, by abridging their means of obtaining it, heavy duties were at first levied on its importation, and subsequently an entire prohibition of its use; to a nation of reasoning moralists like the Chinese, whose code of philosophy is recorded in household proverbs, the

political blunder thus committed is inexplicable; their observation could not have been blind to the aphorism of experience "that impediments to attainment, serve but to inflame a sensual desire;" to this desire the British Government (unfortunately for its character,) is almost the sole caterer; but it is unreasonable to condemn a system of trade, which if set aside on conscientious grounds, would be but immediately acted upon by others possessing lighter scruples, nor in the moral constitution of the world does any course of reasoning bear out the theory, which would infer a crime in the propogation and supply of an article of natural growth, how much soever that article, as a luxury, may be decried through its abuse: The power of the Chinese government to prevent Opium smuggling, and the desire of the Chinese to obtain it, are progressing on an inverse ratio, and conjointly with other changes in operation, it is but reasonable to anticipate that a few revolving years will see its importation legalized: trusting to the natural order of things for a revulsion in public taste, it is evident, that the general cultivation of the Poppy in China, (for which the soil is adapted,) and the preparation by Chinese of their own Opium would result in the most beneficial effects; those enormous sums of money now wasted upon a foreign power would be reserved to themselves; with increased means, the wants real and articifial of the 300 millions, would be so great as to give a general impetus to the trade in foreign manufactures. and from this trade England deriving the greatest benefit, would eventually be more than compensated for the defalcation which such a consummation would bring about in her Indian Revenues; but to leave these prosy remarks, it is now to be stated with reference to the trade of Opium in Victoria, that there are upwards of a dozen who take out licenses for retailing it in its crude state, and the gross weekly sales may be estimated at about 15 chests Patna and Benares, and 5 chests of Malwa: Crude Opium is refined by scooping the balls, or breaking the cakes into large brass pans, covering it with about 4 times its weight of filtered water, and when sufficiently soaked and dissolved, the liquor is strained off and boiled over a brisk charcoal fire until evaporation reduces it so much, that when cool it is of the consistency and colour of treacle; the deposit left in the pans from the first soaking is then dried over a slow fire and carefully kneaded with the hands until it assumes a uniform thickness of a quarter of an inch; it is then taken out of the pan in a concave shape, placed in a sieve lined with flannel, and covered with hot water, which after filtering through, is boiled in a similar manner to the liquor first drained off; on Patna Opium a loss of 4/10ths and on Malwa 3/10ths is said to be sustained by the process thus described; there are about twenty who have taken out the refining license: Of the licensed Opium smoking divans, there are at present ten, nearly all situated in the Chinese portion of the Town; from the inconsiderable amount of revenue derivable from this license, the public establishment of these places is much to be regretted, as they afford a resort to those dregs of the Chinese population, Indian policemen, and followers of the native regiments, who before had no such accommodation, and consequently less enjoyed the means of incitement to indulgence; a visit of inspection to these places affords subject for the most melancholy reflection; In a reclining position on boards placed on tressels ranged around long disgustingly dirty rooms, may be seen at all hours of the day haggard beggars with putrefying sores, whose miserable feelings of desperation and woe, drive them here to obtain a partial alleviation by "steeping their senses in forgetfulness;" The stem of the pipe used for smoking-ismade of hard wood and would be taken for an English paper ruler about 18 inches long and an inch in diameter; the earthen-ware bowl or head screws on and off at about 3 inches from the end; an assistant of the divan sitting in

a corner of the room is constantly engaged in scraping and cleaning these heads, which from the small size of the hole through which the Opium is inhaled (about the size of a pin's head) are apt to get clogged; the quantity of Opium intended to be smoked, varying at a time from 20 to 100 grains, is dipped carefully out of small gally-pots, laid on a leaf; and charged for at the rate of a dollar an ounce; the Opium is used by dipping into it the pointed end of a small wire, which is then applied to the flame of a lamp, in ignition it inflates into bubble, and is then with a dexterity obtained only by constant practice, rolled on the pipe-head until it assumes the shape and size of a small orange pip, cut in half, and of the hardness of wax; it is then placed over the orifice in the head of the pipe, like a small chimney, through which the flame of the lamp is drawn into the bowl, converting the Opium in its passage into a blue smoke, which is inspired by long continuous whiffs, and without removal of the pipe from the mouth respired through the nostrils: two or three pipes may be taken by persons unaccustomed to the habit, without

leaving any other unpleasant feeling than a harshness in the throat

Shortly after the late Governor Sir Henry Pottinger took charge of the Government of the Island, His Excellency proposed to erect from point to point, on the sea front of the Town, a praya 50 feet in width, and the proprietors of those lands which would be fronted by it, readily acceded to bearing a large proportion of the expense; it is to be regretted that this noble plan has (for the present at least) fallen to the ground; for military defence and Police purposes it would be invaluable, to say nothing of public convenience and embellishment; With exception of this requirement, Batteries and other Engineer works in progress, the Town of Victoria may now be looked upon as completed, and that illusory bustle which for the seven years of its growth has been a distinguishing feature, will soon in a great measure subside: many trades of supply which during that period have met with much success, already begin to experience all the contrary, and to the industrious Chinaman, Victoria, where every article of consumption and lodging is 50 per cent higher than it is on the opposite shore, will but little longer be a place of abode if employment is not afforded to him; that this will be the case, follows as a natural consequence; unfortunately however the emigrants will be the best portion of the community, the Lazaroni will still remain, from whom in the event of circumstances requiring removal of a large portion of the Garrison, every fear is to be apprehended on the scores of both life and property; The establishment of a large Chinese population within the limits of Victoria is productive of no manner of benefit, present or prospective, to the real interests of that Trade, for the fostering of which Hongkong avowedly became a British settlement, whilst the police force necessary for their management, entails an enormous burthen on the limited resources of the Colony: After six years of free license to settle, not one respectable Chinese merchantor family is found in the Colony; and this is the result of those delusive notions which pictured the future Hongkong as holding out to admiring Celestials an example worthy of imitation, an Eldorado, to which all would hasten from the rapacity of their own Government: If all things are taken into consideration there is no reasonable ground however for wonder at this result; the annals of the Supreme Court, for the past year alone, exhibit such an amount of crime, originating in the Colony, as would be sufficient to frighten respectable people from even coming, to use a maritime term, "within hail of the place"; deeply concocted schemes of piracy and murder, proved systems of blood sucking extortion at work for years, and the suspected but unchecked existence of the dreaded "Triad" and other secret societies, offer no kind of

inducement to the timid, calculating, though may be honest Chinaman, who would otherwise be disposed to come here and settle; added to these causes also is the general credence given to the assertions of interested miscreants "that extortion is abetted by officials of our own Government," assertions which for the reputation of our Country we are bound to disbelieve, but which whilst unrepudiated are looked upon as true in the surrounding provinces, from whence the reports are wafted to the remotest part of the Chinese Empire, entailing in their progress disgrace on our national character to an extent incalculable. Whilst on the subject of crime in Victoria some comparison may be drawn between this settlement and that of the neighbouring city of Macao, affording as it does, matter for serious consideration; both places are situated on a confluence of waters, which for centuries have been the resort of pirates and desperadoes; in Macao however, executions for crime do not occur once in five years, here they have been at the rate of five in a year; from hence criminals are transported in shiploads, the penal settlements of the Macao presidency receive an average influx of two in 10 years: here a chain-gang, of seldom less than a hundred is constantly employed on the roads, there such a description of prisoner is hardly known, whilst in our settlement the single expenses of Police and Magistracy exceed annually the whole cost of the Macao Government and Garrison united, the number of houses in Macao City being as two to one, compared to Victoria, with a chain of defensible seaboard fully equal in extent to our own.

In offering a few remarks on the various Institutions established in Victoria, it is necessary to commence with a notice of the Government Establishment. The whole superficial area of the Island is about 16,000 acres, less in extent probably than the private estates of many of the Merchants interested in the China trade; small as it is however, for all requisite purposes it is too large, and the limits of Victoria would be amply sufficient for all that is wanted of a British settlement on the borders of China; Beyond the Town the Government has but little to interest or care about, and the Government of Victoria includes almost all that has to be done in the Government of the Island. The number of troops at present stationed in the Colony is about 1,400 consisting of 6 incomplete companies of H. M. 95th Regiment, or (including Officers) about 550 effective Men; 7 companies of the Ceylon Rifles, or about 650 men, half a company of the Royal Artillery, with 90 Gun Lascars, or in total strength about 150; and about 50 Sappers and Miners: With the exception of 150 of the Ceylon Rifles, stationed at Stanley, and Saiwan, the whole of this force constitutes the garrison.

Until very lately the Harbor of Hongkong was the head-quarters of the Naval Commander in Chief on the East-India station: The Dædalus, 18 Guns; Vulture Str. Fr. 6 Guns; Pluto Str. 4 Guns with occasionally a Brig or Sloop of War, may now be looked upon as the stationary Naval Force in this quarter. The Minden, Store Ship, and Alligator. Hospital, are moored in the Harbor, about a mile and a half from the shore: By a reference to the plan and Directory, it will be seen that the Naval and Victualling Depart-

ments, are on an extensive scale.

The Governor is assisted in his duties by legislative and executive Councils, the Members of which are all resident Officials; For the present also, the Governor of Hongkong is Superintendent of the Trade of all British Subjects in China, and with the advice of the legislative Council of the Colony, enacts laws for the regulation of trade with those parts of the Chinese Empire, to which trade is at present permitted. In the late report of a select Committee of the House of Commons on China affairs, the conjunction of these

offices has been deemed inconvenient, and it is anticipated that on the expiry of the term of service of the present Governor and Plenipotentiary, some change will be made in this respect; the following extract from His Majesty's instructions to Lord Napier will best illustrate the original nature of the duties

of the Superintendent of Trade.

"We do require and enjoin you to watch over and protect the interest of our subjects, resident at, and resorting to, the empire of China, for the purposes of trade; and to afford to them all such advice, information, and assistance, as it may be in your power to give, with a view to the safe and successful conduct of their commercial transactions: and to the utmost of your ability to protect them in the peaceable prosecution of all lawful enterprizes; and by the exertion of your utmost influence and authority, to adjust by arbitration or persuasion, all disputes in which our subjects may be there engaged with one another." The establishment of Consular Courts renders nugatory a portion of these instructions, but the spirit of them still remains.

The expenses of the Government under the heads of Civil and Revenue, Ecclesiastical, Marine, Judicial, Police, and Medical Establishments, and for conveyance of Convicts exceeds £ 35,000 per annum: To meet a portion of this amount and for public works and buildings, large sums have hitherto

been drawn from the mother Country.

The Gross annual revenue is about £ 30,000 and is raised by Taxes, Duties, Rents from Lands and Houses, Fees of Courts &c. The annual value of the Lands let on lease in Victoria which forms the largest item of this sum exceeds at present £ 13,000, a little more than £ 2,000 only of that amount being paid by Chinese Leaseholders.

The Ordinances which it has been necessary to enact for the Government

of the Island are as follows.

FOR POLICE PURPOSES.

No. 12 of 1844 for the establishment and regulation of a Police Force.

No. 13 of 1844 for the appointment and regulation of native Chinese Peace

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No. 17 of 1844 for better securing peace and quiet during the night time. Nos. 1 & 12 of 1845 for the suppression of the Triad and other secret societies. No. 14 of 1845 for the preservation of good order and cleanliness.

· -- No. 11-of 1845 for the regulation of the Harbour.

FOR JUDICIAL PURPOSES.

No 10 of 1844 for regulating Summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace and to protect Justices in the execution of their Office and No. 6 of 1847 for extending the Summary Jurisdiction of Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.

No. 6 of 1845 and No. 2 of 1846 for the Establishment of a Supreme Court

of Judicature.

No. 7 of 1845 for the regulation of Jurors and Juries.

No. 8 of 1845 and 6 of 1846 to regulate Criminal Proceedings.

No. 9 of 1845 investing the Supreme Court with Summary Jurisdiction

and also the Regula Generalis of March 1847.

By letters patent dated the 10th January 1846 a Court of Vice-Admiralty was established in Hongkong, in which the laws are administered after strict English Custom.

No. 3 of 1844 for the registering of Deeds, Wills, Judgments and Conveyances affecting real or immovable property in Victoria.

No. 3 & 5 of 1846 for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony.

'And No. 5 of 1847 for regulating Juries at Coroner's Inquests.

A Court of Requests for the recovery of debts not exceeding \$ 100 is held under the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as often as it may appear necessary to the Chief Justice, the cost of a Summons is \$ 2,15 cents.

FOR PURPOSES OF TRADE &C.

No. 2 of 1844 for regulating the printing of Books and Papers, and the

keeping of printing presses.

No. 7 of 1844 for removing doubts respecting the application to Hongkong of the laws and statutes of England relating to Usury, and to define the rate of interest which may be recovered in cases where it hath not been previously agreed on between the parties.

No. 8 of 1844 for prohibiting the distillation of spirits within the Colony.

No. 9 of 1844 and No. 1 of 1846 to restrain all persons within the Colony from trading on the Coast of China to the northward of the 32nd degree of North latitude.

No. 22 of 1844 for establishing Standard Weights and Measures, and for preventing the use of such as are false and deficient.

No. 3 of 1845 for licensing the retail of Tobacco and Snuff.

No. 11 of 1844 and No. 4 of 1845 for licensing Public houses and for reg-

ulating the retail of fermented and spirituous liquors.

No. 5 of 1845 for licensing the weighing of Salt, and the sale of Opium, Bhaang, Ganja, Pawn, Betel and Betel leaf, and for licensing Pawn-brokers and Auctioneers with a Table of Fees on Official licenses and Signatures, also the amended regulations for retail of Opium, which appeared in July 1847.

AND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

No. 7 of 1846 for establishing a Registry of the Chinese Inhabitants, and Census of the Population of the Island.

No. 2 of 1845 for raising an assessed Rate on Lands, Houses and Premises

for upholding the requisite Police Force.

No. 13 of 1844 and No. 4 of 1846 for establishing a licensed Ghaut Serang and for the better regulation of Lascars.

No. 2 of 1847 to provide for a Church.

And No.-4 of 1847 for licensing Markets and preventing disorders therein.

A Proclamation for regulating the Currency appeared on the 1st May 1845

which is still in force.

The Police Force consists of one Superintendent, one assistant Superintendent, one Chief Inspector, two Sub-Inspectors, twelve English Sergeants, nine Indian, six Chinese ditto; Forty-six European Constables, Ninety-six Indian, and Eighteen Chinese ditto: or altogether a force of One Hundred and Ninety-two. Two Boats row guard in the Harbour from 7 p. m. 'til 5 a. m. manned by 4 Natives of India or Manila with 1 European to each; their duty is simply to see that suspicious Native Boats do not approach within a hundred feet of the shore: The accoutrements of the Police consist of a Truncheon and either a Cutlass or short Rifle: Great pains appear to be taken by daily drills and inspection, in rendering this force an able and efficient body, and since their complete organization, robberies on shore have been comparatively few.

The Police Office, or as it is term'd "Chief Magistrate's Court" a lofty, airy

building recently erected, is open for hearing cases daily, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

The appointment of Justice of Peace is looked upon as simply nominal, instances of their aid in examinations being very rare. The present Harbour Master holds a Court also for enquiring into cases connected with the Marine.

For the despatch of Civil business in the Supreme Court, the months of January, March, May, and November are set apart as distinct terms, and the first halves of the succeeding months are appropriated to sittings at Nisi Prius for the trial of all the Civil causes and actions coming under the Summary Jurisdiction of the Court; on occasions of necessity or expedience the Court has power however to sit at any time.

There are five Criminal Sessions in the year commencing with, and continuing during the last halves of the months of February, April, July, October and December, with extra Sessions if necessary; The number of cases on the Kalendar at each Sessions varies from 15 to 60 with occasionally a dozen

Prisoners in one case.

One Interpreter only is on the establishment of the Court, a Portuguese Gentleman possessing a great knowledge of the Chinese written and spoken language, but labouring under the difficulty of not being able to express himself readily in English: It would be as reasonable to expect that with a knowledge of French only, a person could question a witness in the separate languages of Italian, Spanish, German, Greek, Arabian and half a dozen others, as that a knowledge of one dialect should enable its possessor to understand the multifarious idioms in use in Hongkong; and should circumstances force upon the British Government, the unthankful task of Criminal Crown Prosecutor for the Chinese Emperor in his southern Dominions, to a greater extent than that post is at present enjoyed, very much has to be done in fostering a study of the Chinese language among qualified Englishmen, entertaining a sense of the responsibilities of an Interpreter's duty, in order to avert the reproach of its being but a system of ineffective meddling: To sensitive minds, the position of a fellow creature undergoing the extreme sentence of the law, for imputed crimes, who through the assistance of an able , advocate, (understanding all that he would say) may have suceeded in modifying the sentence or averting it, is shocking in the extreme: The patient examination and Wisdom tempered with mercy, which have invariably characterized the administration of Justice in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, have served as far as those means will allow, in warding off many of the evils which the difficulty of arriving at correct evidence would otherwise have entailed.

Philanthrophists of every Creed look with an eye of pity, on that moral degradation as to a disregard of truth, which is the peculiar characteristic of the Chinese as a people; even simple minded worldly interest has to deplore the impracticability of doing business out of the common run, with men who know not the value and importance of an oath, and the efforts of the Christian Missionary in China, in teaching the reality and attributes of a Godhead, are hailed with thankfulness and appreciated, even by those whose general walk in life is otherwise than the most-correct: In Chinese Courts of law and judgment where the character of the people is fully understood, no oath whatever is administered to witnesses; In order however to meet the requirements of English law an attempt has been made to introduce a species of Chinese oath in our various courts: The first form practised here was the cutting off of a live Cock's or Fowl's head; a considerable perquisite was afforded to the Court keepers by this system, who unscrupulously devoured the decapitated bodies: A cheaper form of oath consists in breaking a basin

into pieces, intending thereby to symbolize how anxious is the swearer, (?) that if he does not tell the truth, his body shall be as unceremeniously smash'd into it's original dust; To those who fancy that they possess no more soul than a piece of Potter's ware, this method of swearing is doubtless highly sensible and appropriate, and it was probably under the impression that the Chinese entertain such feelings, that the erudite Lord Brougham was induced to countenance this form of oath, when made in the house of Lords at a recent examination.

The form of oath at present in use is considerably cheaper in practice than either of the foregoing; Printed forms on sheets of yellow paper about 8in. by 6in. are kept at hand by the Interpreters; If the witness can write he fills in the blanks himself, or the Interpreter will do it for him, to the effect that "so and so" is now in Court for "such and such a purpose" that he will "speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" without fear or prevarication, but instead of finishing by asking his God (his Gods, or his ancestors) to help him in his resolve a l'anglaise, the form finishes by simply stating, that the "Divine heaven" or as the Chinese understand it "Court of heaven"

"witnesses this" attestation (神 sun 天 tien 鍳 kām 案 chut:) the

paper when filled in and read over to the swearer is then burnt by the flame of a lamp: The particular "Gods many and Lords many" who constitute the said Court of heaven it is presumed vary in idea, according to the theocratic knowledge of the swearer, but as it is a notorious fact that if after days of incessant worship, a God or Idol takes no (fancied) notice of his Chinese worshipper's application, then he the said Idol is remorselessly battered and burnt sans ceremonie, it but follows as a natural sequence, that the supposed powers of each God being of a doubtful nature, the whole Court as a body obtain in anticipation only a small degree of respect or fear, and whole reams of oath paper may be burnt without adding the slightest value to any evidence.

This form of oath (but on an extended scale) is said however to be practised in temples at Nanking. An intelligent Chinese in reply to a question of the writer said "that there were many educated men who would not tell an untruth after burning the paper, but he added that the bulk of those who did so, cared but little for the obligation it was desirous should be obtained, and as a general axiom the custom may be looked upon as useless; in Chinese Courts the truth (?) was elicited only by squeezing (torturing) and by the infliction of the bamboo."

From the difficulty experienced by Attornies in obtaining straight forward evidence, few Chinese cases of a civil nature against European Defendants have been taken into the Supreme Court, but have miscarried through some legal informality, which the superior means of information of the opposing Attorney has enabled him to take advantage of, and the result of repeated failures has impressed on the minds of many of the Chinese, an effect apparently the reverse of beneficial, for instead of being set down by them to the proper cause (which it is next to impossible to make them understand) these things are ascribed to an undue favoring of foreigners in prejudice to their (may be) just demands. The heavy expenses attendant also on issue and process of writs of fi-fa, Sheriff's poundage and ca-sa for costs on both sides, have served to inspire them with a terror of British law rather beyond the proverbial term of "wholesome."

The Postal Department of Hongkong is as much apart from any control of the local Government, as is the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, which has contracted with the Lords of the Admiralty for the due conveyance of the Mails to England. The Post Office is open daily from 7 A. M. to 10 A. M. and from 2 P. M. 'til 5 P. M. excepting on Sundays, when it is open from 8 to 9 A. M. only. Mails are made up daily for Canton and Macao; prepayment of postage (on single letters of 4d. and Newspapers 1d.) being compulsory. For the Ports on the East Coast of China and other parts of the world. Mails are made up as occasions offer. With Great Britain, Russia, Prussia, Denmark, Hanover, and the British Possessions in North America, Newfoundland, Bermuda, Jamaica, and other parts of the British West Indies, France, Holland, Heligoland, Bremen, Hamburg, Belgium, Malta, Gibraltar and Ceylon, prepayment for letters, is optional, and excepting to Russia, Prussia, Denmark, Hanover and the Duchy of Oldenburg, Newspapers are conveyed free.

To the following places prepayment of postage is compulsory; The United States of America; The East Indies. Singapore, Penang, Aden and Suez; The Australian Continent, Manila, New Zealand and Islands in the Pacific, Foreign West Indies, South America and Islands in the Atlantic (excepting the Islands before named) Spain, Portugal, Baden, Wirtemburg, Saxony, Bavaria, Sweden, Sardinia, Southern Italy, Austria, and other parts of the Continent of Europe, (ria Marseilles.) Excepting to Sardinia, and Southern Italy, Austria and the Austrian Dominions, the East Indies and Venezuela, a rate is charged also on all Newspapers that are sent. Letters to the United Kingdom via Southampton not exceeding ½ oz. in weight are charged at 1 s.

Postage to England via Marseilles cannot be prepaid in Hongkong. seilles Letters are delivered in London from 3 to 5 days before those by the Southampton route, the Postage being 1s. 10d. on the first quarter of an ounce in weight, and increasing for additional quarters of an ounce to 2s. 3d., 4s. 6d., 7s. 9d. and so on. The advantage of the Marseilles route for letters from England is wholly on the side of the sender, who is enabled to post letters at the Post Office in Londor 4 days after the closing of the General Mails for India and China; Here all Letters are delivered simultaneously, and the Mails by the monthly Steamers averaging 6,000 letters and 8,000 papers are generally assorted ready for delivery within five hours after being landed: ants in the Post Office are all appointed by the Post Master General of England, and to their experience gained in the offices at home, much of the present expedition and regularity in the despatch of letters is to be attributed. The following table exhibits the length of time taken in conveyance of the Mails from England, since the establishment of a line of Steamers between Suez and China.

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24th July, ,,	Braganza.	13th Sepr.,	501
24th August, ,, !	Lady Mary Wood.	19th October	534
24th Sepr., ,,	Braganza.	18th November,,, -	544
7th October, ,,	Lady Mary Wood.	3rd January, 1847, -	871
24th Novr., ,	Braganza.	23rd January.	591
24th Decr., ,,	Lady Mary Wood.	26th February.	64
25th Jan., 1847,	Braganza.	23rd March, ", -	56
24th Feb., ,,	Lady Mary Wood.	22nd April, "	5 7
24th March, ,,	Braganza.	17th May, ,, -	54
24th April, "	Pekin.	15th June, " -	52
24th May, ",	Pottinger.	16th July, ", -	53

The average length of time in conveyance for the second year (excluding the Mail of the 7th October, when owing to the breaking down of the new Steamer "Ripon" in the Channel, the "Lady Mary Wood," came on without the usual Mail of the 24th of the month) being 55 days.

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The Oriental Bank was established in Victoria in April 1845; it is a branch of an unchartered Joint Stock Bank which was first established in Bombay under the designation of the Bank of Western India; The principal Establishment of the Oriental Bank is in London (No. 7 Walbrook,) and it has branch Establishments at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Singapore, Victoria and Canton.

The following are the Bank's Rates of business.

Local Business.—The Bank receives Money in Deposit as follows:

1st Class. In Current Account, withdrawable on demand in sums as required.
2nd Class. Fixed Deposit, repayable on 3 months' notice.

3rd Class. Fixed Deposit, repayable on 6 months' notice.

4th Class. Fixed Deposit, for 12 months' certain, repayable on 3 months' notice.

The Current Accounts bear no Interest, and are subject to a small Commission, of 4 per cent, on all payments; The fixed Deposits bear Interest at 3, 4 and 6 per cent, per annum, and are exempt from Commission.

All Bills, Drafts, Cheques, &c. payable in Victoria, are collected, free of

charge, for parties keeping accounts at the Bank.

Loans and Cash credits are granted upon various approved Securities; and approved Bills and Promissory Notes, not having a larger period than 3 months to run, are discounted.

The Bank receives tenders for the purchase of Bills of Exchange on England and India, and sells its own Drafts, on the Union Bank of London, at

^{*} A very interesting Table, exhibiting the lengths of time taken in conveyance of the Mails from England, America and various parts of India, during a period of 18 consecutive months carefully compiled and contributed by Mr. Francis Spring (some time Post-Master of Hongkong) was published in the "China Mail," No. 104 of 11th February 1847.

From one day to six months' sight, and on the National Bank of Scotland, and Provincial Bank of Ireland, at short sight; also on the three Presidencies of India, and on Colombo and Singapore, at from one, to Sixty days' sight.

The Bank issues notes, payable on demand in Colonial currency, and grants circular notes on its correspondents in the principal Cities of Europe,

&c. for the use of Travellers overland.

The hours of husiness are from 10 A. M. 'til 3 P. M. except on Saturdays, and on the day of closing the Mails, when the Doors are closed at 1 P. M.

From the published annual reports, the affairs of this Banking Company would appear to be in a flourishing condition, a dividend of 8 per cent per annum, having been declared in June last, together with a bonus of 2 per cent, and as in unchartered establishments of this nature, there is no limitation to the responsibility of each and every individual share holder, the security afforded to depositors is apparently unbounded. The Bank buildings lately completed, on ground held on Crown lease, are the property of the Share holders, and vested in the hands of three Trustees.

The Hongkong Club House was opened for the reception of Members in May 1846: It is a handsome three storied building, and with the out Offices covers nearly the third of an acre of ground; The interior arrangements are very elegant, and reflect great credit on the Architect (Mr. G. Strachan) for whose design for the building, a premium was awarded; The Entrance Hall, and grand stair case in the centre, supported on fluted columns with capitals in the Corinthian order, has a very noble effect: The formation of this Club, owes its origin to a desire of promoting a general community of feeling, among the Mercantile residents, and between them and the Members of the

various branches of Her Majesty's Service, stationed in the Colony.

The Cost of the building and Furniture has exceeded £ 15,000, for raising which sum, Shares of £ 100 each were taken principally by the Merchants among themselves; and the standing Committee for the time being, constitute a board of Trustees for the Shareholders at large. Members are admitted by ballot, two black balls in a ballot of Ten, excluding; Besides an entrance Fee of \$ 30, a subscription of \$ 4 per month is payable quarterly in advance; Distinguished Strangers visiting Hongkong are eligible as Honorary Members, and pay neither entrance fee nor subscription during their stay in the Colony. The Management of the affairs of the Club is committed to the standing Committee of five Shareholders, a General Committee of twenty resident members, and a Secretary; Three of the Members of the General, form a Sub-Committee, for the supervision of the internal arrangements of the Club, examining accounts, passing bills for payment &c. This Sub-Committee meet at least once a Month: Meetings of the General Committee are held in the first week of every quarter, or oftener as may be requisite: A yearly General meeting of the Club is held in January, for purposes of general review and re-election of Committees.

The Club House is opened at 6 A. M., and closed at Midnight; members or subscribers can be accommodated with bed rooms at \$ 1 per night, and may not be disturbed in occupation of the rooms for 8 consecutive days:

Members or Subscribers may also give private parties on due notice of the

same being made to the Steward.

The Prices of the Wines and Provisions, are written up in the Dining Rooms: There are two Billiard Pables in the Establishment, and Cards and Chess are permitted (without gambling) on every day, excepting Sunday.

In May 1845, the Medical Gentlemen resident in Hongkong formed themselves into a Society, which existed under the denomination of the "China. Medico Chirurgical Society" until the close of the ensuing year; In a small Community like that of Hongkong, distracted by clique and party feeling, with additional incitements on the score of professional rivalry, it was hardly possible to suppose, that a small body of professional men could isolate themselves, and remain united for a sufficient length of time, in the enjoyment of such cordiality, as would serve to ensure the promotion of a common object.

The lamented death also of the President (Dr. H. Tucker) shortly after the Society's formation, and subsequently that of his successor, the most sanguine member of the Society, (Dr. F. Dill) threw a general gloom over the affairs, which resulted in a gradual dissolution: It was however long enough in existence, to succeed in attracting the notice of that general Patron of Science, The Right Honorable, The Earl of Auckland, who honored the Society with several suggestions, and an offer on the part of the Royal Asiatic Society, of which His Lordship was President, to aid in promoting their interests in England. The first volume of the published transactions of the Society, besides the report of a very able and interesting introductory address, Synoptical Tables of Disease in Hongkong, an analysis of the mineral waters of Foochow, and other scientific details, contains the following Papers;

By Dr. A. Little, "On Dysentery as it affects Europeans in China."

By Dr. F. Dill, "A Brief account of the nature, causes, symptoms, treatment and morbid appearances of the Fevers incident to Europeans in the Island of Hongkong."

By Dr. G. K. Barton, "On diseases of the liver, as observed amongst Europeans resident in India and China, with remarks upon their comparative infrequency in the latter Country." And a report on cases of Variolous, and

Vaccine inoculation in conjunction.

At a meeting held on the 5th January 1847, attended by the principal resident members of the Medico Chirurgical Society, it was proposed to establish "A Philosophical Society of China," the Senior resident member of the Medico Chirurgical Society, being nominated as one of the Vice Presidents; On the 15th of that month however, occurred the first meeting of the Asiatic Society of China, into which both the Philosophical, and Medico Chirurgical have merged, the Books and apparatus of the latter, having been handed over to the new Library and Museum; This Society since its formation, has been acknowledged as the China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society of England, and from its (apparently) permanent establishment, the learned world will receive great aids, for China gradually opening to research, contains vast fields of scientific treasure yet to be explored: The Society professes to be instituted for the investigation of Arts, Science and Literature in relation to China, and holds its meetings on the first Tuesday in every month, and at such other times as may be resolved on; At these meetings after going through the necessary routine of private business, Papers and Communications are read, and discussed, and are afterwards printed under the Title of Transactions of the China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society: The Society consists of resident, honorary, and corresponding Members, who are elected by ballot, no Candidate being admitted, unless he has in his favour three fourths of the Members voting: Each resident Member pays into the funds of the Society, an entrance fee of \$ 10, and an annual contribution of Twelve Dollars: Honorary and corresponding Members, being admitted without payment of either entrance fee or annual Subscription; The office Bearers, consisting of a President, Four Vice-Presidents, Six Councillors, Three Secretaries, (General, Corresponding, and Chinese and Foreign), a Treasurer, and a Curator, are elected annually, at an anniversary Meeting in January,

the two Senior Vice-Presidents, and three Senior Councillors, being ineligible for immediate re-election to the same offices: Resident Members, upon giving notice of their intended departure from China, on the recommendation of the Council are placed on the list of Honorary or corresponding Members, and in the event of return, may be replaced by the Council on the list of resident Members: The first volume of the Transactions of this Society is in course of publication. The following Papers have been read at various Meetings of the Society;

A communication by Mr. T. T. Meadows of Canton, "On the acquisition, common tenure, and alienation of real property in China, accompanied with

a fac-simile of a Deed of Sale."

By Dr. R. Dill, "On a new specimen of the Phasmadae, found in the Pelew Islands."

By Lieut. Wade, "On the inscription found at Sin-gan-fu in 1625, record-

ing the introduction of Christianity into China."

By J. C. Bowring Esq., "Observations made in an excursion to the hot Springs of Yang-shan;" (about 30 miles from Macao).

A communication by Dr. Gutzlaff, "On the mines of China."

By Dr. W. A. Harland, "On the Chinese system of Anatomy and Physio-

logy, illustrated with diagrams."

And a communication by C. B. Hillier Esq., "On the Copper Coins of China."

The Writer when commencing these "Remarks" had intended to give also an abstract of the various Religious and Charitable Institutions established in Victoria, coupled with such general observations on Missionary exertions in China as might appear necessary; After serious consideration of the subject, it has however occurred to him, that in a Commercial Almanack and Directory, (as an accompaniment to which, the foregoing observations were committed to paper,) Remarks on matters other than the most secular, would be deemed misplaced and intrusive; and under this view of the case remarks on "Religious, and Charitable Institutions in Victoria" are altogether omitted.

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The following Table of distances en route to Canton and Macao was prepared by a Gentleman long resident in China, who has kindly consented to its being published, premising that the same are approximations only.

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BRITISH FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE AGENCIES.

Alliance Fire Assurance Office.—Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.—Limit, £10,000 on first class risk.—£8,000 on second class risk.

Imperial Fire Insurance Office.—Agents in Hongkong;—Messrs. Macvicar & Co., At Shanghae;—Blenkin, Rawson & Co.—Limit, £10,000.